

# International Women's Day 1932

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**M**ARCH 8TH, International Women's Day is approaching. It is a historic day of struggle against the capitalist oppression and imperialist war.

International Women's Day, 1932, will be carried out under two totally different systems. In the Soviet Union, the country of growing Socialism covering one-sixth of the world, and in the capitalist countries of decaying capitalism.

On March 8th, 1932, the working and peasant women of the Soviet Union celebrate with great joy the success of the 5-year plan, their full political and economic freedom which they achieved through the overthrow of the capitalist system and the establishment of a Soviet government.

In the United States, International Women's Day, 1932, March 8th will be a mighty demonstration against the boss government of hunger and war—against imperialist war and for defense of the Chinese masses and the Soviet Union.

## Fight Against Low Wages.

Negro and white working women! Eleven million of you are now wage-earners. You are forced to work in the mills and factories from 9 to 15 hours a day for the miserable wage of \$5 to \$10 a week. The inhuman speed-up, night work, unsanitary conditions, total absence of social insurance has undermined your health and has reduced your condition to virtual slavery.

You have participated heroically in the strikes against wage cuts, and increased exploitation—in Lawrence, Paterson, N. Y. Dress Strike, Pittsburgh and Kentucky Strikes. You bravely fought back the brutal terror of the bosses, the government, the A. F. L. agents and the leaders of the Socialist Party, in your fight against wage cuts and for unemployment insurance, against lynchings and deportations. You have many victims of U. S. capitalist class rule. Ella May Wiggins, mother of five children, was murdered in cold blood by the textile barons of the South. Today, Comrade Edith Berkman, National Textile Union organizer, is in jail, pending deportation to fascist Poland. Nine women organizers in the Kentucky strike area have been thrown in jail and kept there since the beginning of the strike. Many New York Dress strikers are in jail now because they dare to strike

against sweatshop conditions.

## Jobless Miseries Grow.

Of the twelve million unemployed workers in the U. S. over two million are women completely dependent on miserable inadequate charity relief. Many of those who are still in the factories are working only part time. Most working women get a half or two-thirds of the pay of men for the same jobs. You are in constant fear of losing your job.

Working women—Negro and white! International Women's Day this year comes at a time when all the capitalist powers, including the United States, are in grip of a terrific economic crisis, the worst in the history of the world. The bosses are trying to throw the burden of this crisis upon the shoulders of the working class. Today, the imperialist powers are looking toward war as the capitalist way out of the crisis.

## Soviet Workers Build Socialism.

But while there is chaos, unemployment and misery in the capitalist countries—one country, the Soviet Union, is building up a new society. The first 5-year plan is being successfully completed in four years; the second 5-Year Plan has been launched which will completely destroy the remnants of capitalism in the Soviet Union. Unemployment has been abolished; the conditions of the workers are constantly improving.

In all of the gains of the workers of the Soviet Union, the women have received the greatest benefits. The Soviet Union is the only country in the world where the women are really free. They share equally with the men in the building of Socialism. The women workers receive the same wages as the men—the slogan of "equal pay for equal work" has become a reality in the Soviet Union. Women there have the same political and economic rights as the men.

All of these gains of the women and the entire working class have been made possible only by the overthrow of the capitalist system, and the establishment of a Soviet Government.

The imperialist powers, headed by the United States, hate the Soviet, because it has shown the workers how to do away with misery and exploitation, because it has proven the superiority of Socialist planned economy over capitalist.

Working women! War has begun in the Far East. Terrible crimes are being committed against the Chinese masses—defenseless women

and children are brutally murdered by Japanese imperialism. Japan with the full cooperation of the United States and other imperialist powers is waging a war against China and is preparing for war against the Soviet Union with open acts of provocation, such as the seizure of parts of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the occupation of Manchuria embargoes on Soviet goods.

## The Ohio Corrugated Company.

The factory formerly employed only men. They were paid by the hour for their labor. The wage scale was from 48 to 65 cents per hour. When the employers started to attack the wages of the workers in the factory, due to the small size of the shop, they did not dare to cut the wages of the men directly, but in an organized and fast manner discharged about 90 of the men

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While the imperialist war rages, the hypocritical imperialist war-makers are staging a "disarmament" conference in Geneva. They are using this conference as a means of diverting the attention of the working class from realities, in order to raise a smoke-screen for the war acts and war preparations.

None of the imperialist powers have any intention of reducing their war machinery. The Soviet proposal for total disarmament has been turned down at the conference of the League of Nations, and will be turned down in Geneva.

In smoke-screening its war preparations, the Hoover government finds its best allies in the officials of the Socialist Party, the leaders of the women's pacifist movement, the American Federation of Labor. Those conscious supporters of the capitalists, Norman Thomas, William Green, Matthew Woll, Carrie Chapman Catt, and others, are full of praise for the "Noble desires of the imperialist governments at the Geneva conference. They try to fool the workers into believing that peace is possible under capitalism.

It is among women that pacifists receive the greatest support. Masses of women who are sincerely interested in peace, are being misled by the pacifist leaders.

The militaristic women's organizations, the YMCA, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Betsy Ross Air Corps, are controlled by the war department. They have increased their activities many fold and are trying to get support among the masses of working women in the factories for the coming world slaughter.

Working class women, Negro and white! You are the ones who pay the heaviest penalties in

der the slogan of "equal pay for equal work." The Communist Party calls upon the women workers to demonstrate on International Women's Day, March 8th!

Working women and wives of workers in the metal industry! Take part in the economic struggles of the workers in the revolutionary unions of the Trade Union Unity League!

Join the Communist Party—the leader of the class battles of the toilers of both sexes, of the struggles of the Negro and white workers!

the bosses' wars. Already you are being trained for the imperialist war. You work in the very industries that produce munitions and poison gasses—the munitions plants, the rayon and chemical industries. Don't be fooled into another bosses' war!

Join the Communist Party which fights against imperialist wars! Working men and women, Negro and white! Prepare organizationally to defeat the plans of the bosses for a war against the Soviet Union. Organize together with the men workers, in the shops and factories, to fight for better conditions! Fight against dismissals of married and Negro women, murderous speed-up and part-time work. Demand equal pay for equal work, equal rights for Negroes and whites.

Join the Industrial Unions and Leagues of the Trade Union Unity League!

Demonstrate on March 8th against the Hoover government of Hunger and War. Fight for immediate unemployment relief, for federal unemployment insurance, for social and maternity insurance for working and farm women, for free food and clothing for children of the unemployed workers. Strengthen the fight against evictions, and high cost of living.

Make March 8th a day of struggle against the wave of political reaction. Demand the release of Edith Berkman, Tom Mooney, the nine Scottsboro boys and all the class and lynch-law victims. Support the heroic strike of the Kentucky coal miners and dressmakers.

Men and women workers, Negro and white! Demonstrate your class solidarity with the emancipated women in the U. S. S. R. Carry on the revolutionary struggles of International Women's Day. Join in demonstrations that will forge a chain of working class solidarity for the revolutionary struggle against imperialist wars; for the defense of the Soviet Union and the Chinese masses. Join the Communist Party of the United States, the only Party that fights for the interests of the exploited workers and farmers and for emancipation from capitalist rule.