The ruling bureaucracy of the trade unions comes to the convention of the American Federation of Labor with a record of "achievements" which may be very pleasing to the American capitalists but which must call forth disgust and resentment of every honest working man and working woman. The treacherous game of collaboration with the employers in which the Greens and Wolls are so fervently engaged in working out splendidly in the interests of the capitalists while at the same time continuing to say the life of the trade unions and to weaken the working class generally.

We would like to ask the following questions: What has the class collaboration leadership of Woll and Green accomplished for the American trade union movement since the Detroit convention of the A. F. of L.? Where, if at all, have the conditions of labor been improved? What positive gains can labor register as a result of the "New Wage Policy" in which William Green talks so much pride? Where-in has the position of the workers been strengthened with respect to the employers consequent upon the numerous ventures of the trade union bureaucracy into so-called labor banking, insurance schemes, real estate enterprises, etc.? A truthful answer to these questions would make a story of incompetence, failure and betrayal such as would condemn forever the reactionary bureaucracy, the eyes of every conscious and militant worker.

To secure a clear picture of the exact position of the American working class today, it is necessary to compare the position of the workers with that of the employers. It is essential to know what policies with regard to labor the capitalist class is pursuing and what have the capitalists achieved in this respect. And the answer to this question is that the American capitalists have continually strengthened its position, has proceeded steadily on the offensive against the working class, forcing the workers and their union to retreat and still further retreat. We are living in the age of imperialism. And one of the outstanding events in this era of post-war imperialism is the emergence of the American capital class as the biggest and most powerful imperialist power in the world. This is evidenced by the tremendous accumulation, concentration and centralization of capital, the growth of capitalist combines and monopolies, the domination of American capital to all parts of the world on an unheard of scale, the consequences of which is the rule of American imperialism in Latin America, China, etc., the sharpening of imperialist rivalries and the danger of fresh imperialism on earth ruled by workers and peasants, the American government.

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aliiance between the trade union officialism and to establish a strong light of American and labor movement must be hallowed helplessly in the future.

The rejection of the general class-collaboration policy of the bureaucrat and the sale of military service to the military district allowed it to increase wages, and to shorten the workday and work-week. Many workers were required to work 18 to 20 hours in a day, with a regulation of the B. & O. Plan, and similar schemes for speeding up production in industry. It also means the rejection of trade union capitalism and the American Federation of Labor, an institution devised, the severance of the labor banks from the trade unions.

Finally, to indicate only the basic lines of policy necessitated by the transformation of the trade union movement, the convention, were it to succeed to the meeting, would awaken a systematic struggle against American imperialism.

It would condemn the growing campaign for the militarization of the trade union movement, as the inevitable result of the danger of a new war, and join hands with the workers of the world for defense of the Chinese and Russian revolutions, and for the establishment of world trade union unity.

There are burning necessities of the move-

The conviction will do,

But it is not merely a question of a very different line for the A. F. of L. convention. It is prac-

tically an act of surrender of control of the trade union movement, corrupt to the core, will do nothing of their own volition. The right wing of the labor movement from a defensive retreat to a victorious advance. And the mass pres-

The convention bids fair to mark the beginning of the A. F. of L., despite the growing alarm among the bureaucrats at the manifest failure of their class-collaboration policy.

 Doubtless the convention will cling to the main line of the B. & O. Plan, and it will waste no appeals to the employers to join with the unionists in the fight for the union men and women. Employers, from whom the wave of unionism, and to turn them into more adjuncts of the profit-making machinery of the capitalists. It will more and more, when the American labor movement, and profitably exploited, momentarily represented by the B. & O. Plan, and the workers, arouse the workers to the

The convention, instead of beginning to orient the labor movement towards a definite struggle against American imperialism, would be still more a menace to the working class than the growing capitalist attack upon the Russian Revolution. Instead, the convention was held in a spirit of vindication and self-justification. It was a long-time of the workers of the country. It will not waste its time in the never-ending futile juridical disputes. It will not

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Each of the most powerful unions. It was the A. F. of L. that was first to start labor banking and other capitalist schemes and to develop them on the broadest scale. Which simply means that the movement, instead of taking a look at the, but the outstanding fact is that a bond, a powerful bond, has been brought to a much dangerous condition by the failures, corruption, incompetence and capitalist tendencies of the American labor movement and the so-called

The American Federation of Labor offers a bright illumination of this point. Woll and Green once more demonstrated their basic American imperialism by defending the domination of Wall Street in Latin America, by shilling the meager facts of the American marines in Nicaragua, by crushing the opposition of several Latin-American delegates, by the outrages of American imperialism upon those countries, etc.

The hostile attitude of the Wolls and Greens to-