

LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS MEET

Calling Conference in
Panama City for
June 22nd

TO FIGHT U. S. IMPERIALISM

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A direct challenge to American imperialism is contained in the stirring call sent out by the Panama Students' Federation for a congress of Latin-American students to meet in the city of Panama, June 22, 1926.

This date, the centenary of the famous Latin American congress called together by the great liberator, Simon Bolivar, has been deliberately chosen, as a date which symbolizes struggle against imperialism. Then it was the imperialism of discrepit Spain; now it is the all-envelopng domination of profit-hungry Wall Street.

What the Latin American students fully realize the task that is ahead of them if they are to play a part in the liberation of their respective countries is clearly seen in the replies that have poured in upon the secretary of the Panama Federation from student organizations in Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Argentina, and all over Latin America. There is one note struck in every one of these replies. Without exception they declare that the primary task of Latin American students is to unite their forces for national liberation. Consequently, the first order of business at the congress which meets next June is the organization of a Hispano-American students' federation.

The following countries have been invited: Meicto, Guatamala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Peru, Ecquador, Chile, Argentina, Haiti, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil, Venezuela, Santo Domingo, and the Philippine Islands.

The fact of the inclusion of Haiti and the Philippine Islands in this list is significant of the conscious anti-imperialist purpose animating the congress. Haiti is not a Spanish-American country for the language of the people is French—and the Philippines are much more of an Asiatic than a Spanish-American country—but both of these countries are oppressed by American imperialism, both of them are necessary units in any concerted drive to overthrow the power of Wall Street. With the addition of fraternal delegates from revolutionary working class organizations of the American youth, all the elements will be present to make of the Panama students' congress an historic step not only in the creation of a great and firm Latin American students' federation, but in the dedication of such a body to the overthrow of the great exploiter of the Western World.