

Speech by Manuel Gomez

TO THE BRUSSELS ANTI-IMPERIALIST CONGRESS

Manuel Gomez represented the United States Section of the All-America Anti-Imperialist League at the Brussels Congress of Oppressed Colonial Peoples and Anti-Imperialists. His speech is an analysis of the present financial imperialism of Wall Street, and shows its roots in the exploitation of American and foreign workers.

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PART III.

ANTI-IMPERIALISM IN AMERICA

Considering the difficulties of the present situation, our accomplishments in America are far from negligible. We have established close working contact with the most active nationalist and national revolutionary elements throughout Latin America. The United States Section of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League is linked up with national sections established in eleven Latin-American countries. In the United States itself we have systematically raised the question of imperialism in the trade unions Y-ET ETH ET E

On a continental scale we have participated in a rather long series of activities, ranging from successful demonstrations against sugar trust persecutions in Cuba to distribution of leaflets among the U. S. soldiers invading the city of Panama.

Yet we are only at the beginning of our work. Our program for the future is synthesized in the resolutions which the United States delegation, jointly with the delegations from the various Latin American countries, will lay before this congress. It is a program not merely of organization, nor even of organization and propaganda, but of concrete actions against imperialism.

The most powerful movements which American imperialism has thus far raised against itself are in the nations which it oppresses and menaces with new oppressions. Co-operation with these movements is the supreme test of any anti-imperialist movement in the United States.

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I am sorry that the Philippine delegate, who I know is on the way here, has not yet arrived. In the Philippine Islands where there is a mighty, practically unanimous, movement for independence from the United States, the leaders have a tendency to base their policy on the assumption that the U. S. government will grant them independence voluntarily. That is a vain assumption. The dollar empire is not giving

anything away at this stage of its career.

Instead of looking to Washington for emancipation the Philippine movement would do well to cast its eyes toward Revolutionary Canton, only 620 miles away. And in the United States trustworthy allies can be found only by trying to make contact with the dynamic factors of the American class struggle. It may be more pleasant for Philippine leaders to associate with "influential" politicians and college professors (whose influence, when it is a reality, is usually turned against the Filipino cause) than with radicals, left wing trade unionists and Communists. It certainly allows one to keep on being respectable. But respectability for representatives of a colonial country, means submission to the standards conditions, conventions and legality of imperialism. It can be purchased only at the price of effective acceptance of imperialism. If any of the nationalist movements represented here should become respectable in the home country of imperialism it will be dead.

I think I voice the spirit of this congress when I say that our friends are not to be sought among the friends of imperialist capitalism. The fundamental basis of our strategy must be, in the words of the present point on our agenda: co-operation between the national liberation movement in oppressed countries and the labor and anti-imperialist movements in the imperialist countries. This is true for the struggle against American imperialism and imperialism everywhere. The End.

Bandit Gang Robs Train In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—Bandits under the leadership of General Gallegos held up and looted an international train from Laredo in the vicinity of Rincon, Guanajuato State, according to dispatches to the War Department today. The attack took place Saturday night. Exaggerated stories of the significance and importance of the robbery are being circulated.