9 Years of struggle.

On June 28, the American International Labor Defense celebrated the ninth year of its existence. This fighting working-class organization came into being as a result of the dire need for working-class defense. Conflicts between employers and employees, which resulted in clashes between the workers and the State machinery—the police and the Courts—were daily growing. It became necessary to establish a strong organization which could give organized mass defense to workers who, increasingly, were being denied elementary civil rights including the right to strike and picket; and to the Negro people who are denied equal rights.

The I. L. D. has repeatedly proved that it is an organization which truly champions the workingmen’s cause. But it has not confined itself merely to local issues. As an international organization, the I. L. D. has mobilized the American workers to struggle in defense of class war prisoners of other lands as well.

In the struggle for Negro Rights, the I. L. D. has been in the forefront storming the strongholds of capitalist reaction to smash the vicious lynching and Jim-Crow system under which the Negro people of the U.S. have been kept in bondage. The splendid and heroic campaigns which they have conducted in defense of the 9 Scottsboro Youths for the past three years prove their ability to fight for the emancipation of the working-class.

The American I. L. D. is serving as an example and an inspiration to the I Kaka Lobo Salam (the South African I. L. D.), which has similar tasks as the American organization in the struggle for the liberation of the natives of South Africa.

Long live the I. L. D., fighting organization for the interests of the working-class and the rights of the Negro people!
who were reaping profits from the native masses of his island home. Every year he saw more and more small landowners and farmers being swallowed up by the big absentee landlords. The land was no longer producing coffee and cotton. Ola zumbere were going up and an army of plantations were taking the place of the farmers who were forced to sell their land for a song. Daily the strong arm of British rule was felt on the backs of Dr. Kwame Nkrumah's (A Man's) ancestors. He was forced to work for the British. He faced constant hardship and discrimination. His parents were among the millions of African workers who were forced to work under British rule.

At this time, the Communist Party was fighting for the liberation of the Negro people of the U.S. and for the end of imperialism. Colonial rule. Padmore saw a strong ally in the American workers who shared his desire to shake off the yoke of oppression. He decided to join the ranks of the Communists, depicting himself as an honest fighter against imperialism. Padmore was elected to a position of prominence by the workers.

The Communist program of struggle against imperialism points out that the liberation of the colonial masses must be aided by the working class of the imperialist countries. It points out that only by unity of the colonial masses with the toilers of the imperialist countries who are struggling against the same foe — the capitalists and landlords, who rely on this unity can real freedom be secured. But this path is a difficult one. It requires overthrowing the native capitalists and landlords in the colonies, as well as bringing about the downfall of imperialism in the imperialist countries. Their problems are not ours. Colonials are black and white men. Imperialism is white men. All white men are imperialist. The slogan "The world's problem is white men's problem" is false.

Padmore makes no distinction between white rulers and white toilers who are being exploited by the same rulers who exploit the natives, even though they speak superiority to the white toilers. Padmore doesn't want to stop and teach the white toilers. He doesn't want the proletariat to — the international way of united toilers against imperialism. He wants a short cut. What they really want is free colonies but not under colonialism declared off to be treated as "a mild slave regime".

But the supreme act which proves that Padmore had two souls that of the anti-imperialists and that of the Negro nationalist, is seen in his publishing in the Negro bourgeois newspapers numerous lies in which he accuses the only true fighters for liberty of the oppressed people of betraying the Negro masses. Like the proverbial drowning man, Padmore finds himself slipping into the cess — pool he has himself dug and his petty bourgeois pride being hurt, he runs to the.compatable arms of the Negro nationalists for protection. He knows these enemies of working class freedom, these patriots who live off of the crown and oppression of the Negroes will gladly champion his ignoble cause. They spread lies like the Pittsburgh Courier, are only too glad to utilize this as a means of fighting the revolutionary workers and for attacking the Soviet Union, the adherents of all the downtrodden toilers. They are glad to use these slanderous lies to unleash the war dogs on the Soviet Union which stands as a beacon light guiding the millions of oppressed peoples to a dawn of freedom.

The area that, despite his desertion, the white workers are joining hands with the Negroes. He hears echoes of the shouts of solidarity of Negro and white toilers in Alabama. Despite his assertion, that the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers and the Negro Workers was dissolved, and that the International Negro work is being sacrificed. Padmore sees that the Negro Workers is still being published. He says that the work of the Committee receives the fullest support of the Negro toilers and continues despite the desertion. He says the prospects of his...
However, on the next day, a general strike was organized by the merchant - women. All shops were closed down in the market and the life of Lome seemed paralyzed. A ruthless crowd filled the streets of the capital.

But while the Committee of the Republic — Mr. De Guin — was officially promising that no new taxation would be carried out and that taxes would be left as of 1902, he was, at the same time ordering extra troops from Dahomey and the Ivory Coast. Thus an unprecedented reign of brutality, executions and terror against the natives started.

**HUTCHERY AND MAN - HUNTING.**

Although calm had been long since restored, the troops were called in to organise a real butchery and man - hunt in the native district of Abomey on February 10th. The defenceless and peaceful natives were shot down — 9 were killed and two severely injured. Among the dead were one woman and a child (see picture). Besides this man - hunt continued and 160 were arrested without any reason.

The official explanation for such an unjustifiable repression given in the official Press was that a soldier went mad and shot the people, which of course, a shameless lie.

Although it might seem that, after such a terrible blood - bath, the French Government would have stopped the repression, nothing of the kind happened. On the contrary, the League of Nations (officially entrusted to defend the mandated territories) paid no attention whatever to the various complaints and telegrams from Togo. The tactics of the League of Nations seem, in fact, still being increased. And to the ruthless exploitation of the white oppressors one must add the native chiefs who also contribute largely to the exploitation of the poor natives. They recruit them, just as when and as often as they like, for their own private work without paying them, or, if the natives do not obey they just fine them, for instance 7 or 8 francs. Besides this, they also raise — out of their own authority — special taxes on some villages and fine the inhabitants sums amounting sometimes to 250 — 600 francs. — To this, not only do the white administrators pretend to be blind, but they actually, quite often, share in this robbery. It has been officially admitted that the administration of the district of Porto - Novo received not less than 2,000 francs from the chief he had assisted in nominating.

All this shows the oppressed native masses, clearly enough, on whom they can depend for help in their struggle against exploitation.

On the one side, they have seen with their own eyes what the so-called space institutions of the League of Nations has done to rescue them, and they are daily convinced that the majority of their own chiefs are not only mere puppets, but as well direct oppressors of their own countrymen and work hand in hand with the white rulers to drain them to the very narrow of their homes.

On the other hand, they have seen, also, during this last revolt what solidarity means — when women, men, children, unemployed presented a united front against abuses and oppression. This page in the history of the long - drawn - out trouble natives will not be wiped out so quickly. The women themselves have now also woken and though this short and spontaneous uprising was crushed down in blood, the post and exploited have fallen, nevertheless, their own strength and must learn to co - ordinate itself so as to reach the final goal: the unconditional independence of their country.

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calling his proposed *Negro Congress* and publishing a magazine is very dim. This is too much for Padmore. He wants anything to happen which will prove him right and the revolutionary movement wrong. Failing this, there is nothing left but to join hands with the international counter-revolutionary forces which are gathering as before the world in another blood bath; nothing left but to join hands with the forces opposed to internationalism.

But the great masses of toilers are already set in motion, Padmore. — You are but a little ant caught between two great forces.