

U. S. A. Imperialism Persecutes Chinese Workers

Chinese workers here in danger deportation hands Kuomintang hangmen because May First demonstrations. Stop. Launch campaign solidarity protest. Stop.

Proletarian Labor Congress.

28 Hasan, Manila. Shanghai.

To the Trade Union Unity League, U. S. A.

Dear Comrades:

We wish to call your most serious and urgent attention to the developments taking place in the revolutionary labor movement in the Philippines. The class struggle of the workers and peasants against the combined forces of the native bourgeoisie and landlords and American imperialism, is taking on unprecedented proportions and depth. The recent armed Peasant Uprising of the Colorums in Tayug, the recent strikes in Negros and Iloilo and in Manila, the huge demonstration of 30,000 workers and peasants in Manila recently (at Comrade Ora's funeral), the use of the Red Flag despite prohibition, the growing popularity of the Proletarian Labor Congress (affiliated to the Pan-Pacific TU Secretariat), the staging by the capitalist-landlord-imperialist courts of the first "Communist Trials" with 23 of our leading trade union and peasant comrades arrested and charged with "sedition" (according to the good old American formula)—all these are events which no revolutionary trade union organization may view with indifference, especially any section of the PPTUS, and particularly the TUUL which has special revolutionary duties in relation to the revolutionary labor movement of the Philippines (one of the most important colonial possessions of American imperialism).

Briefly and concretely, the PPTUS proposes to its American Section the following measures:

To start immediately a campaign of solidarity and defense with the object not only of passing resolutions of solidarity but to help our Filipino comrades in other more tangible and practical ways. They need funds to bail out our leading comrades, whose imprisonment at the present time—in view of the approaching general elections in which the CP is to come out for the first time as an independent political party of the workers and peasants—also in view of the approaching Congresses of the Proletarian Labor Congress and of our revolutionary Peasants' Confederation—means crippling our trade unions and our movement generally. They need people, experienced and reliable comrades to go there, to the P. I. and help them for as long a period as possible in their organizational and ideological work. They need practical help with literature, the most elementary things, the most important resolutions and decisions of the RILU, the most elementary pamphlets and booklets on trade union organization, etc.; they are completely isolated; they feel that the American revolutionary trade unions neglect them, are not interested in their struggles and activities. They are not even in touch and receive no help whatever from the Anti-Imperialist League of America. Send them all possible literature; if only possible get some of the more important documents, like the resolutions of the Fifth RILU Congress translated into Tagalog language (we understand there are several Filipino comrades at your end who could help achieve this); to our comrades in the P. I. this means a great deal. And—the most important thing at the present moment—you must help them in every possible way against the White Terror, persecutions, imprisonment. The situation is ripe for the widest possible campaign in the U. S. A. in support of the Filipino comrades and revolutionary trade union movement. From the vast experience of our American comrades in the matter of Communist trials, you can help them immensely with advice, with counsel on the conduct of these trials, with funds collected in their defense, and with a well-organized campaign against American imperialism and its White Terror in the Philippines. We also suggest that the Executive of the TUUL give serious consideration to the problem and possibilities of establishing some permanent contacts with the revolutionary trade unions in the P. I. (permanent mutual representation in the Executives of the two leading centers). Also the possibility of training groups of Filipino comrades under the TUUL for cadres in the Philippines; of establishing permanent good

feet high" and "sank its teeth into the marine's leg." We gather that the marine's leg was bitten somewhere near the neck.

Anyhow, a new sign ought to go on the recruiting posters: "Join the marines and serve your country as dog biscuit."

The Supreme Court decided Monday that you have to go to the dogs if you want to be a citizen.

A Splendid Scrap

"Comrade Jorge:—Sometime ago I wrote you whether it would be advisable for a Women's Council and a branch of the I. W. O. to unite with different charitable organizations in a fight against the high cost of living. You answered in your column and we accepted your advice. (We advised them to make a united front from below—Jorge.)

"We struck against the butchers and we won thereby reducing the cost of meat. Now we are conducting a strike against the bakeries. The spirit of the population is with the Women's Council, which is leading the strike."

The comrade should not term it a "strike," but a boycott; though, as long as they fight, we will not quarrel much about what they call it. The main thing is that by a united front from below, these workers are winning something substantial—and working-class women who never before dreamed of making a speech are right on the front line, speaking and battling the sluggers of the bakers' association!

"The Daily Star," a local paper, is forced to carry fairly favorable comment. It quotes one of the leaders, Mrs. Fagan, as saying: "The hunger of our children is more important than the profits of the bakers."

Meat prices were forced down 14 to 22 cents a pound, a clear victory. Now, against the bakers the demand is that rolls, which sell for 24 cents a dozen, and bread that sells for eight cents a pound, should come down to 15 cents a dozen and five cents a pound. For this demand, pickets are put around every bakery and grocery which sells their bread and rolls.

One woman has been slugged and two arrested, but they are bravely keeping up the fight and have the whole population of Middle Village, a little town near New York, on their side. It's a fight that could well be repeated in a thousand and one different cities. The Council of Working Class Women are rightfully proud of leading this united front fight.

The Empire State Building

Regarding the Empire State Building, which is getting a lot of advertising for Al Smith, a worker corrects a previous statement of a contributor to this column, who said that 90 men were killed on the job building this monstrosity.

The exact number of workers killed is 128. This is by actual count of who worked on this building until the last girders were put into place. He himself escaped death many times only because he was working at the top so was not hit by falling objects and crashing ceilings.

"In one day 17 workers were killed by a ceiling that fell because the speed-up caused its hazardous construction. There was a one-day strike afterward."

The gall of Al Smith and other owners of the building, to show a photo exhibition of workers who built it, workers who gave their lives to put it up—who own not one brick in it, are not allowed to enter it except to scrub the floor and are now jobless and hungry!

And the Pope says that private property is sacred!

The Poor Turn Black

We'll tell you a story, a true one, about on place in Dixie where there is no Jim Crow.

Comrade Ryan Walker, who does those strips on page 2 of the Daily Worker, was recently visiting down in Kentucky. Talking with a native while they were passing by a poor-house Walker said, in surprise:

"What's that? White and Negro people living together? How does that happen, when you've got them separated everywhere else? Don't you have a poorhouse for whites and another for Negroes?"

"Well," said the Kentuckian, "you see then when the whites get so poor that they are sent to the poorhouse then it don't make any difference any longer."

connections between the Agitprops of your two respective organizations, etc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, and let us know what action you have decided to take on it; also the results of its discussion with the Executive of the TUUL.

With revolutionary greetings.

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