

'Hands Off Ethiopia!' Is Demand of 100,000 in Harlem Rally

40,000 March In Protest Against War

Negro, White Workers Pledge to Fight War and Fascism

By Cyril Briggs

The streets of the Negro and Italian sections of Harlem resounded to thunderous shouts of "Hands Off Ethiopia! Down With War and Fascism!" on Saturday afternoon as 100,000 persons took part in a giant united front anti-war demonstration, sponsored by the Provisional Committee for the Defense of Ethiopia and the American League Against War and Fascism, with the active support of hundreds of other organizations, including many Italian and Negro groups.

Thousands of workers cheered the marchers from windows and roofs of houses, while tens of thousands of other workers swarmed along on the sidewalk keeping step with 40,000 marchers in the parade as they swung along in serried ranks, with banners flying, bands playing and shouted protests against war and fascism, and against Mussolini's projected attack on Ethiopia.

Greatest Parade

It was the greatest parade Harlem has seen in many years. Its broad united front character, involving Negro churches and organizations, pacifist groups, Italian and German anti-Fascists, Communist, Socialist and A. F. of L. workers, independent unions and workers' clubs, gave notice to the imperialist war-mongers of the determination of the American people to defend themselves against the horrors of another imperialist world slaughter.

The first contingent of the parade, made up mainly of Harlem organizations, started out at 1:45 p. m. from Lenox Avenue and 126th Street, marching South. It was headed by Italian and Negro leaders in the anti-Fascist, anti-war struggle, and the Provisional Committee for the Defense of Ethiopia.

Next in line was a uniformed body of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L. with their band. At 129th Street and Seventh Avenue, it was joined by the second contingent, which had assembled at 120th Street and Second Avenue and paraded through the Italian section before turning west.

The united parade then swept up Seventh Avenue, and through 143rd Street to the square at 141st Street and Edgecombe and Bradhurst Avenues. As the head of the parade entered the square, it was greeted with cheers from several hundred workers who had already assembled around a huge platform erected for the occasion and equipped with loud speakers. Negro workers crowded the windows of the houses adjoining the square and in many instances served iced water to the thirsty marchers from ground floor apartments.

Each organization was lustily cheered as it entered the square.

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Tribes Mass For Defense Of Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, Aug. 4.—While the League of Nations procrastitates on any action to ward off the invasion of Ethiopia, although Haile Selassie yesterday agreed to the League's proposal to meet with the fascist dictator of Italy, thousands of Ethiopian warriors are massing to defend the independence of their country.

Concentrating in increasing numbers today in the capital, soldiers coming from all tribes vowed their determination to give their lives to prevent the onslaught of Italian fascism. The latest troops to enter the city were those of Hambe Mikael, commander of 20,000 tribal warriors of the Kulo region in the south-west.

At a press conference with foreign correspondents Haile Selassie pointed out that while there was not an iota of aggressiveness in the busy preparations for defense, the Ethiopian people were ready to resist invasion with all their power and by every means available. The Emperor showed that although he had personally assented to resume the bankrupt "arbitration" conferences with Mussolini, in accordance with the League's resolution yesterday, the flood of imperialist armaments and Italian colonial troops to East Africa is continuing without abatement.

First Challenge Is Made In 'Daily' Financial Drive: Wisconsin vs. Pittsburgh

The first challenge has been made in the drive for \$60,000 for the Daily Worker!

The following telegram has been received from the Wisconsin district:

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WISCONSIN CHALLENGES PITTSBURGH SOCIALIST COMPETITION FULFILLMENT THOUSAND DOLLAR EACH FINANCIAL QUOTAS SPECIAL SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLAR DRIVE DAILY WORKER STOP COMPETITION START AUGUST FIRST END NOVEMBER SEVENTH WITH MONTHLY CHECK UP PUBLISHED IN DAILY WORKER STOP ALSO PROPOSE COMPETITION INCLUDE QUESTIONS CIRCULATION PARTY RECRUITING BUILDING SHOP NUCLEI FRACTIONS AFL PROPOSE LOSING DISTRICT CONTRIBUTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS LIBRARY WORKERS SCHOOL WINNING DISTRICT STOP WISCONSIN DISTRICT FEELS CONFIDENT THAT FULL MOBILIZATION PARTY MASS ORGANIZATIONS WORKERS WILL ACCOMPLISH TASK AHEAD OF TIME FOR A MASS COMMUNIST PARTY FOR A MASS DAILY WORKER.
—DENNIS, District Organizer.

What is Pittsburgh's answer? (Financial statement of "Daily" for six-month period appears on Page 2 of this issue.)

Artist Scorns Johnson Bans Envoy's Action Relief Strike

Gropper Calls Ban on Drawing 'Pooh-Bahism'—Will Do Another One

Lashing back at the Japanese government's ban of the August issue of Vanity Fair because of his cartoon depicting Emperor Hirohito as a laborer, William Gropper, noted revolutionary artist, in an exclusive statement to the Daily Worker yesterday, charged Japan with attempting to set up a censorship over American publications. He compared the ban on Vanity Fair with the expulsion of foreign correspondents from Nazi Germany.

Gropper's sharp declaration against the ban came during a day of frantic action on the part of Japanese authorities and their embassy here. "My drawings have always been anti-imperialist and opposed to 'Pooh-Bahism,' the artist told the Daily Worker. "I don't intend to change them either."

The cartoon, one of five caricatures on a page under the common heading, "Five highly unlikely historical situations by one who is sick of the same old headlines," showed the Emperor pulling a ricksha bearing a scroll which said: "Japan's emperor gets the Nobel Peace Prize."

Fians "Hotter" Drawing
He is at work on another cartoon on the same subject, only a bit "hotter" than the present one, Gropper announced. The next drawing will appear in a forthcoming issue of the New Masses, revolutionary weekly.

Gropper's statement, in full, follows: "Obviously, the main reason why the August issue of Vanity Fair containing my cartoon was banned by the Japanese big-wigs was because Emperor Hirohito is depicted there as a laborer. It's not particularly elevating to the working people of Japan to have their ruler shown as an actual laborer. That impairs his dignity, I imagine. In the United States, I'm glad to say, showing a man doing work doesn't impair his dignity at all."

"The ban on Vanity Fair by Japan bears a blood relationship to the censorship in Nazi Germany, where any objective action (Continued on Page 2)

Browder Analyzes Special Characteristics of the Depression

By EARL BROWDER

"A fundamental question with which the world as a whole is confronted at present is whether the capitalistic system of wealth production has perhaps permanently broken down."

The above words are from the Brookings Institution of Washington, an outstanding bourgeois authority in the field of economic research, in announcing its new book on "The Formation of Capital." A few weeks previously, it was the publication of this Institution's study of the National Recovery Administration, with its conclusion that "the N.R.A. on the whole retarded recovery," that played quite a role in preparing the Supreme Court's annihilation of the "New Deal."

Such is the atmosphere in our country at the moment. It is characterized by questioning and confusion. No clear lead comes forth for the bourgeoisie, either in

MEAT PICKETS FREE AS 2,000 BESIEGE JAIL

Butchers Cut Prices in Many Stores as Strike Spreads in Detroit

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 4.—As the meat strike continued to sweep through the city for a 20 per cent reduction in prices 2,000 housewives and workers of the West Side besieged the McGraw police station late last night and refused to budge until seven arrested pickets were released.

At the same time 500 strikers of the East Side section demonstrated at the Canfield police station for three hours and won the release of Mrs. Lech, who had been arrested for picketing a meat store. The action of the West Side strikers followed a day of intensive picketing which kept the meat markets closed throughout the section. After a meeting at which a committee was elected to interview the police, the entire crowd marched to the station house.

Continued March
Fighting back every attempt of the police to break them up, they continued their march and shouted slogans which aroused the entire neighborhood. At the station house, the police lieutenant claimed that the prisoners had been transferred to the Central Station and would be released if the crowd dispersed. The strikers and sympathizers stood by, however, and refused to move until their committee had definitely es-

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Protest Made By Writers For Herndon

Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia has heard the petition of a group of writers for clemency in the case of Angelo Herndon, young Negro organizer of the unemployed, who was sentenced in 1932 to 18 to 20 years on a Georgia chain gang on the basis of having several radical pamphlets in his possession. This news was received yesterday at the offices of the National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners, sponsoring the writers' group which gained national attention last Tuesday when they were fired on during an investigation of the abuse of civil rights in Alabama.

Present during the writers' conference with the Governor, with the permission of the committee, were eight or ten men including Kenneth Murrell, Atlanta Commander of the American Legion and A. L. Henson, head of the Fulton County Americanism Commission, composed of the American Legion, Daughters of the American Revolution, Men of Justice, Daughters of Confederacy, Masons, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and others whose object is to "kill Communism."

Cited Injustice
In conference with Governor Talmadge, the writers stressed the fact that they were there not to discuss economic or political theories, but the injustice of the Herndon conviction and the constitutionality of the anti-insurrection law, enacted in 1861, under which he was sentenced. The Governor promised to

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2,000 Fishermen Strike On the Columbia River

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 4.—More than 2,000 Columbia River fishermen have gone on strike for better prices.

The fishermen, gill netters, are demanding a price of eight cents with the packers offering six.

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Comintern Congress Stirred by Address Of Hero at Nazi Trial

He Sets Forth Position of the Communist Parties in Building a Powerful United Front Against Fascist Murderers and War-Mongers

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Aug. 4.—The World Congress of the Communist International was stirred Saturday by a dramatic and significant report delivered by Comrade George Dimitroff on "The Offensive of Fascism and the Tasks of the Comintern in the Struggle for the Unity of the Working Class."

Long before the opening of the morning session every delegate was in the Hall of Columns eagerly awaiting

People's Front Called Anti-Fascist Bulwark

French Communist Leader Cites United Front Achievements Before Comintern Congress, Points Road to Proletarian Victory

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)
MOSCOW, Aug. 4.—"Upon the outcome of the anti-fascist struggle in France depends the fate of the people of France and of all Europe," declared Maurice Thorez, general secretary of the Communist Party of France, beginning his speech yesterday amidst the long applause of all the delegates to the World Congress of the Communist International.

Thorez described how the huge People's Front demonstrations on July 14 met with a great echo the world over. He then analyzed the political and economic causes which stimulate the fascists' growth: the growing crisis of the bourgeoisie and its fear of growing mass discontent. Some circles of the French big bourgeoisie fight against the Franco-Soviet pact, demanding a rapprochement with Germany, stated the speaker.

"French fascism has had less support in the villages than the fascists in other countries, having its support mainly in the cities among the office employees, the small businessmen and the professionals. The old bourgeois-democratic traditions are strong among the peasants. The fascist victory in several countries was promoted by the isolation of the working class from the petty-bourgeoisie and by the working class split caused by Social-Democratic policy. In the face of the living example of the victorious construction of socialism and the growing material and cultural welfare of the happy emancipated people in the new Soviet world, the revolutionary fighting will of the masses is rising."

Struggle Grows Sharp
"On February 6, 1934, the French fascists launched the first great battle. The energetic proletarian counter-action under the initiative of the Communist Party repelled the fascists (applause), but the Communist Party's election successes, like the success of the united front, have made the fascists redouble their efforts. On the other hand the brazen threats of the fascist leaders to cause bloodshed in the event of the formation of a left government has brought the French Radical-Socialists closer to the People's Front."

"The most dangerous fascist organization is the 'Cross of Fire.' Face All Mass Issues
"The Party generally strives to propose solutions to all questions (Continued on Page 2)

Thaelmann 'Trial' Is Set, Says Report

A report printed in the latest issue of the Paris anti-fascist newspaper, Der Gegen-Angriff, states that the Nazi Ministry of Justice is preparing to place Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German proletariat, on trial for his life. The date when Thaelmann will face the Nazi hangmen, according to Der Gegen-Angriff, is set for today.

Der Gegen-Angriff emphasized that the action of the fascist murderers, coinciding with the new barbarous terror wave directed against all expressions of anti-fascism, proves the intention of the Hitler government to kill the beloved leader of the German masses at any cost. Der Gegen-Angriff urges that at this moment, when the life of Thaelmann is in greater danger than ever before, the whole weight and strength of international proletarianism must be hurled against German fascism to save Ernst Thaelmann from certain death.

Goebbels Raves at Foes
MAMMESSEN, Germany, Aug. 4.—In an angry attack upon the foreign press today, Joseph Goebbels, Minister of Propaganda, openly promised new actions by the terrorist Nazi government to continue the persecution of Jews, to suppress (Continued on Page 2)

'Hands off Ethiopia'

Demand of 100,000

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In wave after wave of spontaneous cheering for the Italian organizations, the rapidly increasing crowd at the square showed its recognition of the significance of the united front of Italian anti-Fascists with the Negro people of Ethiopia in their fight against Italian Fascism.

Placards Flay Fascism

Placards carried by the marchers called for support of the struggles of the anti-Fascist masses of Italy and the Ethiopian people against Mussolini, for the military defeat of Italian Fascism in Ethiopia, for the stopping of shipments of munitions to Italy, for the turning of imperialist war into civil war, and for the freedom of Angelo Herndon, the Scottsboro Boys, Tom Mooney and Ernst Thaelmann. There were many Ethiopian flags on display.

The meeting at the square was opened by Rev. William Lloyd Imes, Grand Marshal of the parade, whose first remarks were greeted with stentorian shouts of "Hands Off Ethiopia! Defend Ethiopia!" An invocation was delivered by Rev. George Frazier Miller, Negro pastor of St. Augustine's P. E. Church, Brooklyn.

Many Speakers

The speakers included Paul Reid, national secretary of the American League Against War and Fascism; A. Johnson, of the Provisional Committee for the Defense of Ethiopia; Tito Nuncio, editor of L'Unita Operaia, revolutionary Italian paper; Miss Eleanor Brannon, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; S. A. Cowan, founder and president of the Pioneers of Aethiopia; Capt. A. L. King, of the Universal Negro Improvement Association; Robert Minor, of the Central Committee of the Communist Party; Ashley L. Totten, secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L.; Rabbi Michael Alper, acting chairman of the National Religious Committee of the American League Against War and Fascism; Timothy Holmes, of the Trade Union Committee of the New York Urban League, and Allen Taub, secretary, New York Council, of the American League.

The meeting adjourned at seven o'clock, after hearing a report by Harry Maurer, head of the delegation of Negro and white supporters of the Aug. 3 March Against War, which last week visited the U. S. State Department and the Italian Embassy in Washington to protest the Italian war plans. Resolutions protesting plans of Italian Fascism to attack Ethiopia and race and religious persecution by the Nazi regime in Germany were adopted.