

The I. L. D. and August First

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AUGUST First is International Red Day against war. On this day millions of men and women the world over will come together in huge demonstrations to express their opposition to the coming new world slaughter and to mobilize their forces for a militant struggle against it.

The workers of the world have not yet forgotten their sacrifices in the last world war, the "war for democracy." The workers paid in the last world war with at least ten million lives, and more than 19 millions maimed and crippled!

At present, the danger of a new world war is greater and more apparent than ever before. The various imperialist powers, unable to solve their own home problems, are feverishly preparing for a new bloodbath. They are busy perfecting the deadly weapons with which to murder greater and greater numbers of workers. They are at the same time unitedly mobilizing their forces for an attack on the Soviet Union, the haven of the workers, persecuted by the various capitalist governments. The imperialist powers know very well that the Soviet Union is a strong barrier against war and that it serves as an inspiration to the workers of the entire world in their struggle against exploitation and oppression.

Prepare Openly.

The reactionary forces of American imperialism do not even conceal their preparations for an attack on the Soviet Union. This is apparent from a series of events that took place here recently, one on the heels of the other. The sensation created by the forged "Whalen documents," the senatorial investigation of the Communists and of the various organizations of the militant workers, the order prohibiting the export of airplanes to the Soviet Union, the campaign of the Anthracite coal operators to prohibit the import to this country of Soviet coal, and finally the recent attempts to stop the import of Soviet lumber to this country—these are just a few of the facts pointing to the preliminary steps towards war against the Soviet Union.

In their efforts to prohibit the importation of Soviet coal and lumber, the dark forces of this country—the land of lynchings and most atrocious chair gang and convict labor system—are trying to discredit the Soviet Union in

the eyes of the American workers by telling them that the Soviet Union is using cheap and convict labor. In this way the employers are trying to cover up their own crime against the workers, whose wages are slashed to the point of starvation.

Bosses Attack.

At the same time the powers to be in all the capitalist countries, including the United States, are waging a bitter and savage attack on all those who sincerely oppose the war preparations and who militantly fight against the war danger. Militant workers opposed to war are imprisoned by the thousands and their organizations declared outlawed. This attack on the militant workers is part and parcel of the preparations for the new imperialist war and for an attack on the Soviet Union.

The International Labor Defense, in line with the policy of the International Red Aid the world over, joins hands with all the other forces opposing the war designs of the imperialist powers. It calls upon all its members district organizations, branches and all friendly organizations to begin energetic preparations for active participation in all anti-war demonstrations on August First, with its own banners, slogans and speakers. It calls upon all workers to strengthen and build the organization, so that it may be in a better position to provide the necessary legal and material aid to those arrested or clubbed by the capitalist police forces because of their anti-war activities. It calls upon all workers to help defend and free the militant leaders of the working class now languishing in the prisons in all the capitalist countries. Defend the militant workers organizations from being outlawed and crushed by the war mongers, defend the Soviet Union!

The Census Bureau and Chester

CONDITIONS for the workers in Chester are worse today than they were last winter. Five hundred men stand in front of the Sun Shipyard each morning hoping to get a job. Thousands have been laid off at Ford, Baldwin and other smaller plants.

The Census Bureau gives the false number of 1,818 unemployed in Chester. Ford himself laid off a couple of thousand workers. And along with unemployment come wage cuts. At the Irving Woolen Mills on and after June