

Negro Workers and Soldiers Fight Against Imperial War

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Amidst all the empty babbling about peace and peace plans, the imperialist countries of the world are arming today as they never did before in preparation for the next world war, which will be a slaughter that will make the last one pale into insignificance.

The American capitalist government is now spending billions of dollars on armaments. Bigger and bigger battleships are being built, air fleets increased, and military forces strengthened. Yet we hear much talk about the Kellogg "Peace" Pact and "Disarmament" Conferences.

A few weeks ago the nations of the world met at Geneva to discuss ways and mean to abolish war. The representatives of the Soviet Union proposed the abolition of all armies and navies as the best guarantee of peace. The capitalist nations, like American, England, Japan and France refused. Why? Because these countries depend upon the armies and navies to keep the workers in subjection and to rob the small and weak colonial peoples. They also need armed forces to carry on war among themselves, so as to win new markets for the bankers and millionaires, and to make war on the Soviet Union, the first country in the history of the world to be ruled by workers and peasants.

The latest maneuver on the part of the capitalists and the military jingoists has been to enlist the services of the officials of the American Federation of Labor who through its representative William Green, openly came out endorsing the war preparation measures of the imperialists. This traitor of the American labor movement, accompanied by his henchmen, visited West Point, the U. S. Military Academy, and there publicly declared that the A. F. of L. will support the Wall Street bankers in the forthcoming war. So pleased were the militarists with the chauvinist speech of this misleader of the workers, that they feted him and his lackeys, and to further show their appreciation, remitted all punishments and confinements of the cadets.

American workers, white and Negroes, must protest against this brazen betrayal of Green and Company.

Negro Workers Beware!

In the last war about a quarter of a million of black men were mobilized and carried to France to fight for the American bankers and bosses, who stayed at home and while these colored troops were fighting, made millions upon millions of dollars of profits.

The colored workers were fooled in 1917. They were told that they were fighting for Liberty, Democracy and Equality, but when the war was over and they returned to America, the government, which is controlled by the capitalists did nothing to stop lynching, Jim-Crowism, segregation and race prejudice. Instead of things becoming better, they are getting worse and worse every day for the Negro and the working class.

America is not only robbing the Negro at home, but has even gone and taken away the last two Independent Republics controlled by Negroes: Haiti in the West Indies, and Liberia in Africa.

Don't be Fooled.

Now, in view of these things Negro workers must not permit themselves to be made fools again. No! a thousand times no! They must wake up and learn lessons from the past. They must fight against the plans of the capitalists to draw them into future wars. They must turn the next war into a Civil War for their own freedom. They must organize side by side with the militant white workers who have enough sense to fight against race prejudice and for the full social, political, and economic equality of all races.

There is only one party in the United States that is doing this, and that is the Communist Party and the Young Communist League.

Communism is the movement of the working class and the oppressed colonial peoples, in China, India, Latin America and Africa.

Negroes join the Party today, and help us defeat the bosses in the next war and establish a government of the workers—black as well as white.