

Against the British Ultimatum to Egypt.

Fellow Workers,

The Conservative Government of Great Britain renewed its activity by a murderous attack against Egypt. Using the assassination of General Lee-Stack as a pretext, the British Conservative Government has taken a decisive step towards the destruction of even that pseudo "independence" which Egypt was presumed to have. As compensation for the assassination of the General, the British Government imposed on Egypt a fine of £ 500,000 and demanded the severe punishment of those guilty of the assassination.

The British Government has compelled the Government of Egypt to withdraw the Egyptian troops from the Sudan.

Taking advantage of this assassination the Conservative Government managed to get its own way, namely to leave the management of the internal and economic life of Egypt, as before in the hands of the British financial and legal advisers. Thus the British imperialists will continue to control the internal and economic life of Egypt, and will establish their rule of violence in that oppressed land.

In order to instil into the minds of the Sudan population respect for British bayonets, several officers and soldiers of the Egyptian and Sudan army have been hanged and shot by British generals. This plan of action was devised by Ramsay MacDonald who mentioned it in his letter to General Allenby in October last. The British plunderers desire to utilise the assassination of General Lee-Stack as a pretext for carrying out their predatory plans in Egypt and the Sudan.

To compel Egypt to accept its truculent and cynical demands, the British Government is shaking its mailed fist in the face of that defenceless country.

From all sides: from Malta, Gibraltar and Cyprus, British cruisers and gun-boats are hastening to the shores of Egypt. British military units are being despatched to Egypt itself. The British air fleet is hovering over the doomed country like a hord of vultures, seeking victims for their bombs.

Final preparations are being made to seize Egypt by the throat and compel her to consent to allow herself to be plundered.

Meanwhile the leaders of the Egyptian bourgeoisie together with the landlords are shamefully capitulating to the imperialist bandits.

In spite of these traitors the revolutionary national movement will grow and become stronger until the chains of imperialist oppression are completely broken.

British Workers!

Ward off the criminal hand of your aristocrats from Egypt! Rectify the terrible crime committed against the Egyptian people by the Government of Ramsay MacDonald. Confound the piratical plans of the Baldwin-Curzon and Chamberlain Government. Compel your leaders to come out actively in defence of the independence of Egypt. Fight against the predatory ultimatum! Form a united front with the Egyptian workers and peasants!

Workers and peasants of Egypt!

Do not despair. Keep a brave heart. The advanced workers of all countries are coming to your aid. Expose the shameful conduct of the Egyptian Government! Unite around your Communist Party! Demand the release of the imprisoned communists! Demand a determined and irreconcilable struggle against British imperialism for the complete and real independence of Egypt!

Workers and peasants of all countries!

Raise your voices in protest against the British Government's ultimatum! Compel the colonial pirates to restrain their appetite! Demonstrate your solidarity with the oppressed peoples of the East!

Down with the colonial pirates!

Long live the fight for the independence of Egypt!

Long live the fighting unity of the toilers of the world!

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