

The Communist
Party says - - -

“Let Us

GET TOGETHER

**before it is
too late”**

To the
Executive
Committee
of the

LABOUR PARTY

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DEAR COMRADES,—On the eve of the Twentieth Anniversary of the World War, which led to the slaughter of millions of workers, we are addressing another appeal to you to help in building a real united front of all workers (whether in the Labour Party, Trade Unions, Co-operative Party, I.L.P., Communist Party, or other political party) against Fascism and War.

NEW WAR IS BEING PREPARED

Every day and every hour the new war is being prepared. In the factories, trade unions, local Labour Parties, Co-operative Guilds, and in the streets, the workers are anxiously discussing the imminent menace of a new war, and all the horrors of death and destruction that will be unleashed upon them and their families.

The growing boom in the war industries; the continual rise in the price of armament shares; the new plans for a bigger Air Force and Navy; the speeches of Cabinet Ministers, emphasising the urgent need for extending the armed forces of this country; the introduction of the new Unemployment Insurance Act, with its concentration camps and physical training for the young male workers; the new Sedition Bill; police protection for the Mosley Fascist thugs, with their barracks, armoured cars, air ports; these are the inescapable signs of the policy now being carried through by the National Government in preparation for the new war.

Alongside these events, and the armaments race of all the capitalist Powers which accompanies them, the peace policy of the Soviet Union stands out as the main factor at present holding back the outbreak of a new world war.

SOVIET UNION'S PEACE POLICY

The proposed new Pacts of Security are only being discussed, due to the initiative and determination of the Soviet Union to do everything in its power to prevent war. The workers must give their fullest support to the peace policy of the Soviet Union, but it must also be recognised that secret negotiations and secret building up of new war alliances are also taking place, and that only the organised power and strength of the workers can put a final stop to the criminal designs of the capitalist Powers.

Never was their determination to resist Fascism and War so strong as now. The memories of the last world slaughter have not been forgotten. The price paid by the workers since the end of the war in wage cuts, unemployment, and all-round worsening of their

conditions, has not been forgotten. The Twentieth Anniversary of the last war has now sharpened these memories.

The need of the hour is the organisation of this determination in a mighty united front movement against Fascism and War, in which every section of the working-class movement can be drawn into mass activity.

This question of the unity of the working class in the struggle against Fascism and War is the paramount consideration which should dominate the minds of all of us.

THE EXAMPLE OF FRANCE

This tremendous desire for united action has brought about the acceptance by the National Council of the French Socialist Party of the proposals of the Communist Party of France for a united front to combat Fascism and War. In Britain we also must build mass unity.

We are, therefore, in spite of your previous refusals to take part in united front activity, again appealing to your Executive Committee to meet representatives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, to discuss the character of united activity and the programme against Fascism and War that the present situation and the desire of the workers for united action against Fascism and War demands should be put into effect without a moment's delay.

PROPOSALS FOR ACTION

We put forward the following proposals as a basis of discussion at such a meeting:—

- (1) To organise and carry out joint demonstrations on the Twentieth Anniversary of the outbreak of war on August 5th. At these demonstrations we suggest that the following points should be emphasised by all speakers:—
 - (a) The seriousness of the war situation and the menace of Fascism.
 - (b) The interests of the whole working class demand that not a man, and not a penny should be used for the purposes of imperialist war—the money now expended on armaments to be used to provide increase in unemployment, health and old-age insurance benefits, and the extension of the school age, with allowances for children at school; the reduction of all burdens of taxation on the workers, and the provision of work of social value at trade union rates of pay.
 - (c) Not a train, not a ship, which is transporting munitions of war for Japan or Fascist Germany, must be allowed to leave the depots and ports.
- (2) To help in the organising of an anti-Fascist movement, built up

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An Earnest and Sincere Appeal

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of groups in every locality and factory or other place of work, and to demand the suppression of Mosley's Blackshirts and other Fascist bodies.

- (3) To organise workers' opposition and resistance to the new Unemployment Insurance Act and Sedition Bill.
- (4) To take all possible measures to rouse the working class to protect the Socialist Soviet Union and its socialist construction from the counter-revolutionary war of the imperialists; to protect the revolutionary-democratic Chinese Soviet Republic from counter-revolutionary attacks; to protect China from being carved up by the imperialist Powers.

Comrades, we are addressing this appeal for united activity to you in all earnestness and sincerity, prompted only by the desire to advance the fight of the whole working class in its struggle against Fascism and War.

We pledge ourselves to mobilise every member and local organisation of our Party, and all workers who are under our influence, for daily activity in support of any agreement which may be reached between us, and which the whole working class knows can be reached if we set ourselves to the task.

The outstanding feature of the last Trades Union Congress and Labour Party Conference was the passionate hatred of war and express determination to fight it. Now almost a year later we face an actual eve of war situation.

THE EVENTS IN GERMANY

The recent events in Germany have horrified the workers and brought home as never before the unspeakable policy of brutality and murder which Fascism represents.

The dreadful horrors of a new war, the wholesale death and destruction which would be wrought on combatants and the civilian population alike, by bombing planes, poison gas, spreading of disease germs, and all the deadly atrocities and measures which the new war will bring in its train, puts the decisive question to all of us:

Let us get together before it is too late!

Yours fraternally,

THE SECRETARIAT.

for THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

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ON THE EVE OF A NEW MASSACRE

Manifesto of the Communist Parties of France, Great Britain, Germany and Poland

WORKERS, WORKING PEOPLE IN TOWN AND COUNTRY!
YOUNG WORKERS AND WOMEN!

The twentieth anniversary of the outbreak of the bloody imperialist world war will soon be here. The day is approaching on which the imperialist war parties will begin a new and even greater slaughter of the peoples.

Think of the imperialist war!

Think of the ten and a half millions killed, who, if buried side by side, would fill a cemetery more than 100 square kilometres in size.

MILLIONS OF SUFFERERS

Think of the 25 million wounded, invalids, widows and orphans, who together could populate a country bigger than Switzerland, Holland and Belgium together! Think of the gigantic sums of money, amounting to more than 50,000 million pounds, which were expended on immediate instruments of destruction. This huge sum would suffice to ensure a decent human existence for a long time to all the unemployed; it would relieve all the working people in town and country from all taxation for a number of years.

Think of the imperialist peace, of the treaties of Brest-Litovsk, Versailles, Saint-Germain and Trianon, which robbed the peoples of hundreds of thousands of square miles of their own soil, placed millions under a foreign yoke, and imposed millions of reparations on the vanquished.

Think of these treaties, which immediately after the war sowed the seeds of fresh wars.

Think of the 16 years which have passed since the war, in which social and national oppression, chauvinistic incitement, the tyranny of the rulers and the enslavement of the ruled have reached unprecedented dimensions.

THE YEARS OF CRISIS

Think of the years of crisis with their boundless starvation and misery. Think of the 30 million unemployed, of the millions of people who have committed suicide in the post-war period.

Think of the millions who have been foully murdered in the time of peace so that the class rule of the exploiters can thereby be maintained and a new world slaughter let loose.

Think of the past war and fight unrelentingly against the approaching new imperialist world war!

Dozens of wars in all parts of the world have refuted the slogan with which the war criminals wanted to deafen the rebellious masses; the fraudulent cry of “No more war.” The unceasing armament competition of the leading imperialist States and their vassal countries and the breakdown of the Disarmament Conference has also given the lie to the other slogan of the war-profiters: “After the war there must be disarmament!”

Just as in 1914, the bellicose parties of imperialism occupy the leading positions in the capitalist States. They want by means of Fascism to hold down the forces which are opposing imperialist war. Nationalist incitement, barbarous race persecutions, intrigues of secret diplomacy, the feverish activity of the General Staffs, lead from general economic war among the imperialist countries to imperialist war.

ENSLAVING THE WORKERS

The world is to be distributed again—for the benefit of the stronger States. Enslavement of the working class, destruction of their rights and liberties in the Fascist countries, progressive abolition of these rights in the bourgeois States by emergency orders, the war legislation passed already before the outbreak of war, are intended at the same time to prepare the hinterland of the future war fronts.

Modern military technique, the air forces, long-range guns, are being got ready in order to do away with the division between the war fronts and the hinterland.

The bankers, the factory owners, the big landlords, their politicians and general staffs are beginning already now to obliterate the line of demarcation between war and peace in order to take the working people by surprise with the new imperialist world war.

WAR FLAMES EVERYWHERE

In all parts of the world the flames of imperialist war are springing up. From Tokio to Berlin, from Berlin to Tokio, the Japanese military Fascists and the German Hitler Fascists are reaching out their hands to each other.

The Dichards of the British imperialists form the third side of the

Unite Against the War-Makers!

triangle of kindlers of imperialist war against the proletarian State, against the Soviet Union.

In the Far East, in Manchuria, in North China, in Inner Mongolia, the Japanese imperialists have made war with all its horrors an everyday affair. They bombard peaceful villages, they murder defenceless women and children.

ATTACKING SOVIET CHINA

The big imperialist Powers support with money and weapons the hangmen of the Chinese people in the war against the revolutionary Soviet Republic of the Chinese workers and peasants. The United States of America and Japan are feverishly preparing for war for hegemony in the Pacific. In South America English and American imperialism are waging a war against each other through their mercenaries.

British imperialism is arming against America. Hitler Germany is one vast armed camp from which an attack can be expected any day. The war party of French imperialism is arming for war against Germany. A new world war is plainly approaching.

Only one State is fighting unswervingly for peace, only one State has made the abolition of war its cause—the State whose leading Bolshevik Party, under the leadership of Lenin, converted the fratricidal imperialist war into the only justified war of the oppressed against the oppressors, the State whose leading principle is not capitalist profit, but the well-being of all toilers, the State which is building up Socialism, the fatherland of the toilers of all countries, the Soviet Union.

The countries which are preparing for war are directing their weapons against this State. The capitalists are casting greedy eyes at this State. Those who in their own countries have most cause to fear the overthrow of their rule of oppression and exploitation of the working people are arming against the emancipated peoples of this State.

In spite of all provocations the Soviet Union is unswervingly pursuing its peace policy, the policy of proletarian internationalism.

PROLETARIANS OF ALL COUNTRIES! YOUNG WORKERS! WOMEN!

You are the force which can save humanity from the fresh fratricidal slaughter. There is still lacking the unity of the working class in order, by the overthrow of capitalism, to put an end to imperialist wars.

Only the common class struggle of the proletarians in alliance with the toilers in town and country can bring to naught all the plans of the financial capitalists, the war criminals, the war profiteers, the diplomats, the Parliamentarians and generals.

UNITY IN THE CLASS STRUGGLE

To this unity in the class struggle against capitalism, against its reactionary Fascist rule, we summon all workers, all toilers, men and women, old and young, in the imperialist countries, in the dependent and colonial countries. We appeal to you, no matter what the colour of your skin, no matter to what nation you may belong. We call to you, no matter to what party, what trade union organisation you may belong, whether you are organised or unorganised.

We appeal especially to the Social-Democratic workers, to the members of the reformist trade unions, as well as to all workers who are under Social-Democratic influence:

On the basis of the solidarity of all toilers against fratricidal war, on the basis of the common interests of all oppressed against the oppressors, on the basis of proletarian internationalism against the fierce incitement of one nation against the other, all fight with us Communists and members of other revolutionary organisations against the preparation, against the letting loose of a new imperialist war.

We address to the Social-Democratic parties the following proposal:—

In spite of the fact that at the commencement of the imperialist world war you sided with your own capitalist class, in spite of the fact that you approved of the imperialist peace treaties and voted for fresh armaments, in spite of the fact that by this policy you have split the workers' movement, we propose to you:—

Organise and carry out joint demonstrations together with us on the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of the war, on August 1, under the slogans:—

NOT A MAN, NOT A GUN!

Not a man and not a penny for armament purposes—the money now expended on armaments to be used to provide unemployment, sickness, invalid and old age insurance for the working people in town and country and for lightening their burden of taxation.

Not a train, not a ship, must be allowed to leave which is transporting munitions of war for Japan or for Fascist Germany.

Protect the Socialist Soviet Union and its Socialist construction from the counter-revolutionary war of the imperialists!

Protect the revolutionary-democratic Chinese Soviet Republic from counter-revolutionary attacks!

Protect China from being carved up by the imperialist Powers!

Protect all the colonial peoples from the robber campaign of the imperialists!

WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES! WORKING PEASANTS! SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE, SMALL SHOPKEEPERS! YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN!

We summon you to a common fight against those who are seeking to kindle a new imperialist war. Fight together with us against capitalism, the cause of all wars, for the overthrow of the rule of the bourgeoisie, for Socialism!

DOWN WITH IMPERIALIST WAR!

DOWN WITH FASCISM!

LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM!

LONG LIVE THE UNITED FIGHT OF ALL PROLETARIANS AND TOILERS FOR THE OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM!

LONG LIVE THE WORLD REVOLUTION!



Workers of Britain

**French Socialists and Communists
are getting together**

Let Us Follow Their Lead

**Remember the Lessons of Germany
and Austria**

**Support in the Factories, Trade
Unions, Labour Parties and Co-ops.**

**The Communist Party's
Appeal to the
Labour Party
for a real**

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