

ORGANIZE FOR LIBERATION OF THE COLONIES

Canton Center of World Movement

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Formation, at Canton, China, of the International Association of Oppressed Peoples, is a mark of the gathering of all anti-imperialist forces that characterizes the present period of the disintegration of capitalism as a world system based upon super-profit from the colonies and semi-colonies. The organization was begun some months ago, but detailed and authoritative information regarding it has just been received in this country.

Revolutionary struggle against imperialism is the basic principle of the association, which seeks to unify the anti-imperialist movements of the whole world, in alliance with the class conscious workers in the capitalist countries. At the present time the organization includes Chinese, Koreans, Hindus and Annamites. Invitations have been extended to the nationalist movements of Java and the Philippines, the Inter-Colonial Union of France and the American Negro Labor Congress. The All-America Anti-

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Among the Chinese organizations that have affiliated are: the Kuomintang party, the Union for the Emancipation of Women, the United Revolutionary Women Telephone Operators, the National Trade Union Federation of China, the Peasants' Association of the Province of Kwantung, the Association of Young Revolutionary Soldiers, and the famous Hwang Po cadets, the backbone of the Canton peoples' army.

Arouse all Colonials.

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To the oppressed peoples of the western hemisphere struggling against the domination of American imperialism, as well as to the exploited workers of the United States, the International Association of Oppressed Peoples appears as an important ally, a firm support in the common fight for emancipation.

Denounce Imperialists.

Following is a declaration on behalf of the association, by G. Lai-Shou of Hongkong:

"The imperialistic deeds of blood in China have roused a powerful wave of indignation and revolt among the peoples of the East. In carrying out their sanguinary crimes, the French and English had employed, directly and indirectly, Hindus and Annamites

—especially in Shanghai and Shaming.

"The revolutionaries in the colonial countries have realized that the imperialists in Asia wish to continue the fratricidal system which they have applied in Africa, that of turning the members of the same race and class loose on one another an inciting them to kill each other. Two years ago, the French incited the Annamites in Indo-China to boycott the Chinese. This year, the Americans have egged on the natives of the Philippines to anti-Chinese demonstrations. Now the imperialists are trying to rouse the Chinese against the races of another color.

"In order to frustrate this cynical plan, the Chinese, Hindus, Annamites and Koreans have united and formed an anti-imperialist committee of action, from which has developed the International Union of Oppressed Peoples.

"In the summer of this year, the first conference was convened in Canton. This conference issued the following proclamation:

The imperialists have slaughtered innocent Chinese students and workers. We, the oppressed peoples of India, Annam (Indo-China) and Korea, who have suffered and still suffer under the yoke of the imperialist tyrants, cannot refrain from expressing our indignation and wrath at these abominable slaughters.

The imperialists are unmasked. The whole world can now see that their only object is robbery and plunder. Their civilization is based on guns and bayonets. It is their custom to treat the natives of their colonies with brutality. Nowadays they are treating the Chinese in the same brutal way, because they already regard China as a colony.

Chinese brothers! You see how we are oppressed by the imperialists. You must fight with all your strength lest you fall victims to a similar oppression. Do not let China become a second India and a second Korea; do not let it be converted into a second Annam! . . .

It is time for us to organize, to join the exploited and oppressed of all countries, in order to set up together a united front against the oppressors.

We revolutionary Hindus, Koreans and Annamites, who have remained in China, would rather die with you in the fight for freedom than see you

also become slaves! . . .

"This proclamation found immediate response. At the second conference the following joined the International Union of the Oppressed Peoples: the Kuomintang party, the Union for the Emancipation of Women, the Union of Revolutionary Women Telephone Operators, the National Trade Union Federation of China, the Peasants' Association of the Province of Wmantung, the Association of Young Revolutionary Soldiers, the Cadets of the Peoples' Army.

"Thereupon the union was officially founded. In its constitution the object of the union is stated as being that of gathering together all the forces of the oppressed nationalities in order to carry thru a liberating revolution. Furthermore, any member being guilty of an anti-revolutionary act, should not only be excluded from the union but should be severely punished.

"After the inaugural conference, the following proclamation was issued:

Oppressed brothers of the whole world!

All small or weak countries—especially those of Asia—are subjected to the economic and political rule of imperialism.

The imperialists have turned our territories into colonial or semi-colonial countries. They compel us to buy their surplus goods. They compel us to supply them with raw materials. They rob us of our wealth. They exploit our labor. They deprive us of our political and social rights. They slay our innocent brothers. They not only enslave us, they threaten our race with annihilation.

The only means to save us from this oppression is to gather together all oppressed peoples and the exploited proletariat of the whole world and to overpower our common enemy, imperialism.

As our masters have united to oppress us, so we must gather together to defeat them . . .

We revolutionists of China, India, Korea and Annam have today founded the International Union of Oppressed Peoples. In this historic moment of the awakening of the oppressed masses of Asia, we appeal solemnly to you.

Oppressed peoples of the colonial and semi-colonial countries!

The imperialists can exploit us and treat us worse than cattle so long as we are disunited. Let us

therefore unite! Union will be our strength, and we shall be as strong as lions. We are hundreds of millions against the small minority of tyrants! Do not fear! Even with their poison gas and their guns they can never kill all of us. Unite your forces with ours in a fight for justice and fraternity and the annihilation of imperialist tyranny!

Workers of the whole world!

You know that those who exploit and oppress us are the same who exploit and oppress you. The capitalists make use of you to oppress us; they make use of us to oppress you. In the late war, they brought Negro and Asiatic troops to Europe to kill Europeans. And now they are introducing white proletarians into our countries. You will not be free as long as we are under the imperialist yoke. And we shall not be able to emancipate ourselves until you are free. Help us to emancipate ourselves! By helping us you help yourselves! Our cause is yours. In fighting for our own freedom we fight at the same time for yours.

Comrades! Let us break the imperialist power by our revolutionary energy!

The emancipation of the exploited and oppressed must be the work of the exploited and oppressed themselves!

Comrades! Unity is strength! Let us unite!

Down with imperialism!

Long live the international unity of the proletariat and of the oppressed peoples!

"During the time of the strike, the activity of the Union limited itself to China and the neighboring countries. For the time after the strike, a plan of work has already been elaborated. It consists in getting into direct touch with the associations of Japan, the Indian National Congress, the nationalist and revolutionary organizations of the Philippines, of Java and other colonies, the Inter-Colonial Union of France, the African Brotherhood and other Negro organizations in the United States and Africa. It was also resolved to enter into close relations with proletarian organizations in the capitalist countries, in order to establish an anti-imperialist united front."

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