
MACDONALD BARS WORLD CONGRESS OF NEGRO LABOR

Ford Scores Henchmen of Imperialism

LONDON, England, June 6.—The MacDonalld "labor party" government of the British empire has forbidden the International Trade Union Conference of Negro Workers, which is scheduled to meet July 1 in London and for which Negro workers' organizations all over the world have for months been conducting a special organization campaign.

The edict against this conference, which might interfere with and expose the labor party henchmen who are doing British imperialism's dirty work for it, was issued through the

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Labor Party Clique to Arrest Delegates

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office of the home secretary, J. R. Clynes. The same official now announces that he has instructed British police and immigration officials to watch for and arrest any delegates arriving from the United States, Liberia, Hayti or Africa.

Colonial Negroes Rising.

The London Daily Worker (Communist Party official organ) gives this account of it:

"In a written answer in the house of commons the home secretary (J. R. Clynes) has stated that he is unable to give any sanction to the proposed International Negro Labor Congress in London, or to authorize facilities for the attendance of delegates.

"While the labor government has pronounced this ban on the congress, the militant Negro workers, notably in South Africa, are fighting hard to get representative delegations to the congress.

"The delegates from the western province to the recent African National Congress, at Bloemfontein, who were arbitrarily disfranchised by the reactionaries who have wrangled themselves into control of that body, have issued a statement calling upon all the African organizations to meet as soon as possible in order to discuss the question of the International Congress and to select a delegation directly from their provinces.

"They conclude: 'We feel confident that this appeal of ours will meet with a warm response from the broad masses.

"'Further, that here in South Africa we will be able in the near future to convene a really representative All-African Congress that will raise the militant banner of struggle against the exploitation of Boer-British imperialism and for the absolute social, economic and political equality of the native people, expressed in the establishment of the Native Republic of City and Land Workers.'"

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American Negroes Determined.

J. W. Ford, chairman of the International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers and organizer for the Trade Union Unity League, yesterday issued the following statement:

"The refusal of the MacDonald "labor" government of England to allow the conference to be held in England shows how the "so-called" labor government is determined to keep the millions of Negro slaves that are in the British empire lashed to the British imperialist government for inhuman exploitation.

"MacDonald is also afraid of the exposures of massacre, robbery and repression carried on under the "labor" government. But the Negro toilers are determined to hold their world conference. The Negro workers of South Africa are already carrying on mass protest meetings against the action of the MacDonald government. The revolutionary British workers are also fighting for it to be held.

"The Negro workers of America will plan mass protest meetings against the action of the government. We call upon the militant white workers everywhere to fight for the holding of our conference.

"The International Conference of Negro Workers will be held. Full speed ahead with the preparations."