

Appeal of the P.P.T.U.S. for Action against the Wholesale Slaughter of the Indo-Chinese Masses.

The toiling masses of Indo-China are suffering the double burden of exploitation by French imperialism and the native bourgeoisie and landlords.

These masses unable longer to stand these burdens have been and still are struggling against them. Their wages and incomes are below the starvation level. As a matter of fact, starvation is running rampant in the country. Hours of toil are at the point where they no longer can be increased.

Working conditions are intolerable. Against these conditions the masses are fighting and meeting with the most brutal and inhuman oppression. Their struggles are being drowned in blood. Long prison terms and transportations for life are the order of the day. No means of oppression are too base for use by French imperialism. Aeroplanes, bombs and machine guns are only a few of the means used in attempting to suppress the struggles of the toiling masses. The following taken from the capitalist and imperialist press of Indo-China gives a picture and proves all and more than is stated above.

From January 1st to April 20th 1931, there were five strikes of the workers, the most important being that of the Standard Oil Company and the Franco-Asiatic Company, the former involving 800 workers and the latter 200. During the above period there were 27 demonstrations of peasants in which over 26,000 participated. 250 of these peasants were killed by bombing planes and machine guns. This took place in the provinces of Quang-gai, Nige-an and Hatinh. In January and February there were 53 peasants killed in the first named province during a parade. In the second main province there were 155 killed between March 25th and April 14th. In the latter named province there were 30 killed on April 20th. On April 14th in the district of Lai-thach there were 80 killed and several hundred wounded. The government communication stated, "... the rebels retired with order and discipline... the machine gun and bombing planes have worked satisfactorily..."

Within the same period there were 1500 arrests, 52 were killed in prison or met their death by the guillotine, 800 were sent to exile in Guiane on Inini Island or to the infested forests of Kontum, 180 were sentenced to life imprisonment or transportation for life, 610 were sentenced to prison terms of hard labour totalling 1,880 years.

Several mass trials took place during this period, in Hanoi one on April 8th with 230 political prisoners, and one on January 11th with 201 defendants, another took place in Quangnam on March 23rd with 300 defendants many of whom were children and all of them were sentenced from 9 months to life imprisonment. Another trial took place in Kien-an on January 26th with 190 defendants of whom 134 including 8 girls received life sentences.

Accused of having organised a students union, ten students of Namdinh were sentenced to hard labour for life. Being charged with the distribution of leaflets, two workers of the same place received sentences of 20 years of hard labour. Workers arrested during a strike received from two to six years prison sentences. The peasants who were arrested during demonstrations are sentenced from two years hard labour to transportation for life.

During these 3 and a half months a great number of workers from industrial centres were arrested. In Hanoi about 150, in Namdinh over 80, in Haiphong over 110, in Hongay, a mine field, about 50, in Saigon over 150 etc. Prisons are being overflowed. The jail at Hanoi alone has 1240 political prisoners among whom are 168 women (among those recently arrested there are an additional 90 women). The women prisoners are tortured and violated. Recently, those in the Hatinh jail were forced to make a hunger strike against their conditions.

Among those transported there are children not over 15 years of age as well as old people of 70 years of age. Among the 70 peasants of the village of Tien-hai who were arrested on Feb. 14th for having participated in a demonstration and who were brought before the extraordinary tribunal for trial, there was a boy of only 8 years of age.

During the **May First** demonstrations of this year, over 300 workers, poor peasants and students were shot down and killed. In addition hundred were wounded and additional hundreds arrested. As is to be expected among the above the leaders of the revolutionary organisations are included in large numbers.

Notwithstanding this White Terror and oppression of the French imperialists and the native bourgeoisie and the landlords, the toiling masses are forced to continue their struggle for a little more of life's needs and they are doing so. These struggles are under the leadership of the revolutionary trade unions, peasant leagues, and the workers revolutionary political party.

The revolutionary organisations and workers of all countries must come to their support without delay. The facts given above must be known to the broad masses who must be

called upon and organised to demonstrate and protest against French imperialism and especially to expose the agents of the latter namely, the French social-fascists, the French trade union reformists, the Second International and the Amsterdam Trade Union International all of which give active aid and support to French imperialism in its slaughtering of the Indo-Chinese masses. The revolutionary workers of France especially have an important part to play in this campaign. They must rally the broadest masses in this struggle.

Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

Save the Chinese Workers Threatened with Deportation from the Philippines!

Appeal by the P.P.T.U.S.

To all Affiliated Sections of the P.P.T.U.S.!

To Revolutionary Trade Unions in All Countries!

Thirteen Chinese workers in the Philippines are in danger of immediate deportation by the American imperialist authorities and the native bourgeoisie and landlords of the P.I. into the clutches of Chiang Kai Shek's hangmen. They are threatened with deportation because they participated in a peaceful demonstration of workers on **May First** under the direction of the Proletarian Labour Congress, the only revolutionary trade union organisation in the P.I. which is affiliated to the P.P.T.U.S.

At the same time, more than five hundred Chinese workers in the P.I. are officially threatened with deportation into the hands of the Kuomintang executioners, because they are members of the Chinese Labour Federation of the Philippines, which is affiliated to the Proletarian Labour Congress in P.I.

There is no time to lose! The deportation of the first 13 Chinese workers is already officially recommended by the head of the Constabulary General Nathurst to the Governor General Davis. The imperialist and capitalist-landlord press in the Philippines clamours for deportation and blood.

"... Public execution is the remedy in Indo-China; the same is in Java and in China... Deportation is the thing!"... (so demands a "Bulletin" Editorial of May 5th)

This threat of immediate deportation comes simultaneously with the terrible reports of mass executions in China, in connection with **May First (Over 80 Chinese comrades are reported executed in Swatow alone on May 1st)!**

Immediate action is needed! **In the first place — by the revolutionary Trade Unions and workers in the U.S.A., and in the various countries of the Pacific!** But also by the proletariat in every country of the world! Mass meeting and mass demonstrations of protest, and demonstrations before the American Embassies and consulates and the so-called Philippine "Resident Commissioners" in the U.S.A. and other Philippine representatives throughout the world,—demanding the liberation of the arrested Chinese workers and the dropping of the deportation campaign by the American imperialist and native capitalist-landlord authorities in the P.I.!

The Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat calls upon the workers **in the Philippines** to rise like one man in defence of the Chinese fellow workers who are threatened with being handed over to the Kuomintang executioners for the sole crime of being organised and class-conscious. The P.P.T.U.S. calls upon its affiliated Section **in the U.S.A.** to organise a nation-wide campaign in the U.S.A. against the hangmen-tactics and policies of American Imperialism in the P.I., which on **May First** supplied the police and constabulary of the Philippine bourgeoisie and landlords with hundreds of riot-guns and tearbombs and broke up the meetings and demonstrations of the Filipino workers and which now threatens to deport the revolutionary Chinese workers.

In alliance with American Imperialism, the native exploiters and blood-suckers in the P.I. are openly praising and copying the methods of Chiang Kai Shek in China, of Dutch imperialist butchers in Java, and of bloody French Imperialism in Indo-China. This must be countered with organised mass protests and action by the revolutionary proletariat and trade unions in all colonial and semi-colonial countries, and in the capitalist imperialist countries.

Down with American Imperialism in the P.I., and with their native bourgeois and landlord allies and agents in the Philippines!

Long Live the united revolutionary proletarian front of all countries and races!