

unity of the working class, and to cow and demoralise the Negro workers. A new wave of lynch terror is sweeping over America. The violence of the mob spurred on by the provocative propaganda of the Negro-baiting capitalist press and the armed forces of American imperialism knows no limits. Court houses and jails as in Texas and Oklahoma, are burned to the ground in an effort to get militant Negro workers who are imprisoned on any and every pretext. Almost every day the press recounts new acts of mob terror and violence against Negro workers. To perpetuate racial strife among the white and black workers the reptile capitalist press invariably gives out the report that the Negro prisoner is guilty of an act of sex violence against a white woman and that the racial purity and integrity of the white race must be maintained. But the myth of white supremacy and of inherent white racial superiority is going down before cold facts. The standard of living of the white worker is being beaten down to the level imposed by the ruling class upon the Negro workers. These tendencies are developing a spirit of interracial and international solidarity.

The First International Conference of Negro Workers proclaims to the exploited and oppressed Negro masses of the world that the tasks of the desperately oppressed black toilers of America is to meet the merciless programme of white and lynch terror laws of American Imperialism with the armed force of black and white workers defense organizations, to rally the broad masses of Negroes into the ranks of the revolutionary trade unions to unite on a basis of class solidarity under the slogan of "Class Against Class".

The International Conference calls the attention of the Negro toiling masses to the tactics utilised by the Capitalist governments, employers and their reformist toils to split the ranks of the working class along the lines of race, religion and colour. Lynching will not be confined to Negro workers. As the struggle against exploitation and oppression sharpens militant white workers will be made the victims of lynch law.

The International Conference calls the attention of the toiling black masses to the fact that the provocation acts of the capitalist press and armed forces are the medium by which the riotous mobs are recruited during periods of crisis. The relation bring the economic crisis and the raise of social animosity.

Down with lynching!

Down with capitalist terror!

Long live the defense organizations of black and white workers!

Long live the unity of the Negro and white workers!

## VI.

### **Negro workers for international solidarity.**

The united forces of the Reaction, comprised of the imperialists, rich landowners, bankers, manufacturers, and militarists do not stop before even mass executions, murders and inhuman tortures, for the purpose of suppressing the Chinese Revolution, to stop the movement of the Chinese workers and peasants, struggling for their independence, for land, for radical improvement of their labor conditions, for a decent human existence. The united dark forces succeeded in physically destroying the vanguard of the proletariat and the peasantry, and temporarily to hold up the movement. However, this did not last long. Having gathered fresh forces, and reorganized their ranks, the Chinese workers and peasants waged a new

struggle. They have created their new class political and trade union organizations, in the fire of the struggle they have hammered out their worker-peasant Red Army, are firmly establishing themselves over a significant part of the territory of South China, setting up their worker-peasant Soviet Power, doing away with the oppression of the landowners and capitalists wherever they come, building up a new life, governed by the workers themselves.

In India, where already more than three hundred years that the ruling classes of great Britain have been existing on the blood and sweat of the natives, a gigantic revolutionary movement is developing today. More than two years since the workers of Bombay and other industrial centres, in a number of stubborn fights conducted an heroic struggle against foreign and national capital for better living conditions. This struggle has served to awaken and bring into action the town poor and peasant masses. The British "Labour" Government, the same Government who refused to permit our Conference to convene in London, does not stop before the most cruel repressions in order to suppress the movement of the toiling masses. The Indian bourgeoisie is already about to compromise with British Imperialism. The toilers of India, however, will continue the struggle, for their own living interests are concerned, for only complete independence an agrarian revolution and the establishment of the worker-peasant government are able to radically improve their living conditions.

With great force is the revolutionary movement in Indo-China developing, this being the basic colony of French Imperialism. For long and as it seemed, patiently, have the peasants and workers of Indo-China suffered from the horrible exploitation of the French capitalists, bankers and officialdom. The last two years show that the workers of Indo-China under the leadership of their revolutionary vanguard have begun a relentless struggle against their oppressors. In spite of the savage treatment in spite of executions, torture, mass arrests, etc., the movement is extending. The banners with revolutionary slogans, with the emblem of the hammer and sickle, are flourishing to-day not only in China and India, but also in Indo-China.

The whole colonial world has been brought into action. Not only Asia, but also the countries of Latin-America, and finally Africa, are being drawn more and more into this great struggle.

The International Conference of Negro Workers, for the first time in history, uniting the representatives of one of the most exploited and oppressed divisions of the Labor Army, cannot pass by this heroic struggle. With great animation and enthusiasm, of which only class brothers, allies and comrades are capable, are we following up these great events developing in China, India, Indo-China and throughout the whole colonial world. We hereby send our warm fraternal greetings to the fighters. We solemnly promise to intensify our own struggle against the oppressors, to widen the front of the struggle of the oppressed classes and peoples against world Imperialism, threatening the world with fresh wars, with new deaths and suffering, with ever sharper and more acute methods of exploitation.

Down with the bloody, plundering imperialism!

Long live the struggle of the oppressed classes and nations!

All hail the heroic workers and peasants of China, India, Indo-China!

Up the United Front of the Oppressed Colonial Peoples and the World Proletariat!

## ELECTIONS

The following new Executive Committee was elected:

**United States:** James W. Ford, Trade Union Unity League. I. Hawkins, National Miners' Union. Helen McClain, National Needle Trades' Union. George Padmore, RILU, Negro Bureau.

**Africa:** Garan Kouyatté, League for Defence of Negro Race, Dakar. Frank Macaulay, Nigerian Workers' Party, Nigeria. Albert Nzulu, Federation of Non-European Trade Unions, Johannesburg. E. F. Small, Gambian Labour Unions, Gambia.

**West Indies:** E. Reid, Trades and Labour Unions, Jamaica. M. Kotani, Johannesburg, alternate.

### Report of credential Committee

There were 17 delegates and three fraternal delegates. They represented 20,000 workers, 7 countries, 11 different trade unions, 2 national Trade Union Centers, one national political party, 2 non trade union organizations; one delegate from Africa at present residing outside Africa, one white delegate representing a Negro organization. There were 9 elected delegates who did not arrive because of hinderances being placed in their way.

The following are the names and composition of the organizations:

1. **Jamaican trades and labour unions**, 250 members, founded April 1930.
  2. **American Negro Labor Congress**, 1000.
  3. **Railway workers' union of Sierra Leone, West Africa**. Membership 750.
  4. **Gambia Labor Union, West Africa**. Membership 1,000 workers, 2,500 peasants.
  5. **Nigerian National Democratic Party**. Organized 1929. Membership 5,000.
  6. **Gold Coast Driver and Mechanics Union, West Africa**. Membership 2,000; organized 1915.
  7. **Gold Coast Carpenters' Union, West Africa**. Membership 500; organized 1928.
  8. **National Miners Union (USA), mixed union**. 200 Negro members.
  9. **Federation of Non-European Trade Unions, South Africa**. Founded 1927. Membership 5,000.
  10. **The Railroad Workers' Industrial League (USA)**. Mixed union. 200 Negro members.
  11. **Food Workers' Industrial Union (USA)**. Mixed union. Membership 5,000; 500 Negro members.
  12. **Needle Trades Industrial Union (USA)**. Mixed union. Membership 5,000; 200 Negro members.
  13. **Agricultural Worker' Committee (South, USA)**, Membership 500; 350 Negro members.
  14. **Metal Workers' Industrial League (USA)**. Mixed union. Membership 2,000; 500 Negro members.
  15. **The League for the Defence of the Negro Race (Berlin Section)**. Berlin, Germany.
  16. **The League for the Defence of the Negro Race, Paris, France**,
  17. **Negro Trade Union Committee of the RILU**.
  18. **Trade Union Unity League, USA (National Committee)**.
- Fraternal organization:** The League Against Imperialism (Berlin). International Seamens' Club (Hamburg). International Red Aid (Berlin).

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