

Appeal from the Red Aid of Brazil,

The Red Aid of Brazil publishes an appeal to the workers of the whole world, from which we take the following lines:

The situation of the working masses in Brazil is frightful; the large estate owners and native capitalists, these lackeys of the American, English, French, Italian, and Japanese financial lords, are anxious to find a loophole out of the crisis at the expense of the workers and peasants. Wages have been reduced by 50 and more per cent. Unemployment is increasing daily. More than 2 million unemployed are wandering about the highroads and in the city streets, without bread or shelter.

Food is rising in price. The government, having sold itself to the British banking magnate **Rothschild**, has put its finances into the hands of one of this banker's representatives. In order to gratify the foreign finance hyenas, the government crushes the workers and peasants beneath an increase of taxation, by means of the mass dismissals of thousands of unfortunate officials from the civil service, and by means of further retrenchments in the already miserable pensions granted widows and person incapacitated for work.

Want and misery are forcing the workers into severe struggles. Strikes and violent unemployed demonstrations, as also peasant risings, are breaking out everywhere. As sole answer to these protests on the part of the starving masses of the workers, **Getulio Vargas**, a worthy pupil of Mussolini, adds crime to crime.

Getulio Vargas, the prime minister, and his prefects of police **Baptista Luzardo** and **Salgado Filho**, have dealt death and horror among the working class during the last few months. In October 1930, during **Getulio's** coup d'etat, he caused 20 workers and peasants to be executed in **Itaquy (Rio Grande do Sul)**. In **Joao Neiva** (Province of **Espirito Santo**) a railway worker was shot for taking part in a strike. In the Province of **Para** Getulio commanded machine guns to be used against 1500 workers of the Ford motor car works, because these were on strike against a fresh reduction of their slave wages. In **Recife (Pernambuco)** his police shot two bakers' apprentices and wounded several more during a strike for better wages. On 1st May he had the demonstrating masses of the workers shot down in **Rio de Janeiro** and **Recife**.

Getulio Vargas has robbed the workers and peasants of their whole rights. All meetings and demonstrations are prohibited. The right to strike is cancelled. Peace is to be insured by main force between the starving and barefooted workers and their masters. The workers' newspapers are prohibited and subjected to persecution. The workers' trade unions are disbanded or placed under the immediate control of the police.

Over 100 workers' functionaries, belonging to the trade unions, the General Labour Federation, and the Communist Party, have been arrested or banished from the country. The prisoners are beaten by the police like dogs. Many revolutionary workers are exiled to the unhealthy hells of the islands of **Ilha Grande** or **Fernando de Noronha**, where most of them die of consumption.

The Red Aid of Brazil, after enumerating these frightful facts, calls upon the workers of all countries to show active solidarity with the Brazilian workers suffering under this frightful persecution.
