

INDIA

Continue the Struggle for the Complete Independence of India!

Appeal of the League Against Imperialism to the Young Workers, Young Peasants, Soldiers. Revolutionary Students!

The Indian masses have decided that India is to be free from the bloodthirsty rule of British imperialism and from the oppression of their native agents, the zemindars, the capitalists, moneylenders and princes. Despite the measures of terror and oppression on the part of the British "Labour" Government and despite the latest betrayal by **Gandhi** and the Congress leaders the masses and especially the revolutionary youth of India are continuing the heroic fight for freedom.

In the face of this tremendous mass movement British imperialism sees that it cannot rule anymore by itself and is therefore willing to share its rule with that of the Indian exploiters. The Indian exploiters see that their own position is endangered by the masses who are imbued with the revolutionary anti-imperialist spirit of struggle to free themselves from all exploiters. These exploiters are therefore compromising with the foreign imperialists to save their class interests, and the **National Congress** representing the interests of the Indian capitalists, moneylenders and zemindars have by the shameful agreement between Gandhi and the Viceroy begun their open manoeuvres to crush the Indian Revolution.

The **youth of India** must not be fooled by nice words and patriotic speeches. They must recognise that the Indian owning classes behind nice patriotic speeches are continuing to oppress and to exploit the workers and peasants and are refusing to help the unemployed and hunger-stricken. The National Congress has proved that it is the tool of the owning classes. The youth of India must understand this character of the Congress and must not be fooled by its radical-sounding resolutions.

The youthful masses of India must carry on the anti-imperialist struggle on a clear basis and must fight for the following general demands of the Indian revolution: —

- a) complete overthrow of the rule of British imperialism and ousting it from the key positions which it holds in the economic life of the country;
- b) abolition of the native States and landlordism;
- c) land to the peasants through the forcible expropriation of all exploiting interests and repudiation of all rural debts;
- d) establishment of the Workers' and Peasants' Republic.

In addition we must put forward concrete demands for the toiling youth so as to make the anti-imperialist struggle part of their daily struggles.

- 1) shortening of the working day for the young workers;
- 2) equal pay for equal work for young and adult workers;
- 3) prohibition of child labour and State maintenance of children;
- 4) universal and free education up to 16 years in the national language of the pupils, free food, clothing and supply of text books and school material to the children at the expense of the State;
- 5) introduction of vocational training of the youth at the expense of the State and the employers;
- 6) paid annual vacations for young workers;
- 7) State maintenance of the unemployed youth at rates equivalent to the cost of living.

Indian soldiers! Gandhi in his agreement has betrayed all heroic Indian soldiers and policemen who have refused to become the murderers of their own people and have refused to shoot upon the people's demonstrations. Gandhi has agreed that they should remain in prison.