A Call to Student Action!

On April 13th, twenty-five thousand students left their classes in a protest strike against the policies that were recklessly plunging the world into war. High school principals locked school doors in an attempt to keep pupils from going out on strike. From Columbia to the University of California students took part in the greatest student anti-war and anti-R.O.T.C. protest in the history of our nation.

So effective was our action that the R.O.T.C. in a panic immediately called an emergency conference in Washington to consider measures to stem the growing tide of anti-war sentiment.

Students have been suspended at City College and elsewhere for protesting the appearance of representatives of that arch jingo, Mussolini. Fascism, in German and Italian universities took its vengeance on pacifists and anti-war fighters.

The need for vigilance and action is by no means past!

America's war budget has been precipitately increased. The hold of the R.O.T.C. on campus life, though loosened, still continues. Jingo papers urge that C.C.C. recruits be given rifle practice. Hardly a month has gone by since our April strike without its war crisis. The assassination of two fascist tyrants, Dollfuss and Alexander instantaneously provoked mobilizations on several borders.

SARAJEVO SEEMS ABOUT TO BE REPEATED

In the Far East the declarations of Japan's war lords are ever more belligerant. Having torn Manchuria from China, new plunder is sought, this time at the expense of the Soviet Union. The approaching referendum in the Saar has made the hair-trigger relations between France and Germany even more precarious.

Assassinations, border clashes, war alarums are only symptoms of the more fundamental conflict between imperialist nations. The economic crisis has increased these conflicts because the need for colonial markets and advantageous trade relations are today life and death questions for every capitalist country. In its desperation, Capitalism seeks stabilization by establishing open fascist dictatorships which only strengthen its antagonisms and bring war closer.

The only restraint upon the war makers has been the opposition of the masses of the people.

THIS RESISTANCE MUST BE STRENGTHENED

Armistice Day this year must become the occasion of tremendous protests not only nationally but internationally. The students of Mexico have already announced that they will strike on November 9th in protest against war preparations.

The Student League for Industrial Democracy and the National Student League call upon the students of the United States to join with the students of other nations in common opposition to imperialist war. It is necessary to understand; and it is necessary to act. "We can and must put a halt to the march toward armed conflict."

On November 9th, a student delegation will appear at the White House to call for the abolition of the R.O.T.C. The student body and student organizations must support that delegation by local meetings and demonstrations.

On November 10th and 11th, twenty-five student anti-war conferences are being held in collegiate centers from Northampton to Los Angeles. Prepare to send delegations to those conferences. If they are to be held on your campus, help to sponsor them.

On the evening of November 10th, torchlight parades will be held throughout the nation to local war memorials. There the Oxford pledge never to support any war which the United States may enter into will be taken. It is your duty to be there.

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FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALIST WAR! DOWN WITH FASCISM!