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## RED CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY BOLSHEVISTS

Organized Labor Throughout World Confronted by New and Powerful Enemy.

The Russian question is dealt with in a comprehensive manner in the report of the executive council to the forty-first annual convention of the A. F. of L. which is now in session at Denver, Col. The executive council declares that "the organized labor movement throughout the world is confronted by a new and powerful enemy and so long as it lacks organized labor cannot ignore it."

Some extracts from the report indicate the extent and purpose of the pro-Bolshevik campaign. The report states in part: "The Russian question has been increasingly in evidence during the past year. The campaign for de facto recognition under the auspices of an official commercial treaty with the Soviet Government has been carried on with a redoubled intensity. Both the subsidized revolutionary press and certain pro-Bolshevik newspapers and weeklies. This propaganda has been particularly aggressive and misleading since the signing of a Soviet trade agreement by the British Empire—in order to protect its hold over Persia, Mesopotamia, India and other crown possessions, for the purpose of obtaining concessions for British capitalists, and for other more obscure and sinister motives of secret diplomacy. The purpose of the agitation is not only to secure prestige for the Soviet Government but to make friends for the Bolshevists and Communist International through a falsified picture of Russian conditions. This campaign has been concentrated, in large part within the labor unions with a view of overthrowing the bona fide labor movement of America as a condition precedent for the overthrow of the republic of the United States and it is for these reasons and those which will follow that the executive council is hereby impelled to present a comprehensive review in this report to this forty-first convention of the American Federation of Labor."

"Accompanying the open agitation carried on by the Soviet Government, its 'liberal' sympathizers and the irresponsible yellow press, has been an effort of the third or Communist Internationale and of its adjunct, the new Red Labor Union movement, to destroy the American labor movement by attacks from within and without—that is by aiding the I.W.W. and at the same time, forming 'communist' nuclei within localities of the organized labor movement with the American Federation of Labor."

"It should be understood clearly that between the people of the United States and the great masses of the people of Russia there has been an increasing and sincere friendship and that the people of the United States express no sentiment to the contrary. The Russian people are those who are destroying the opportunities of the Russian people for democratic self-government, but who, on the contrary, are imposing upon the Russian people a brutal, senseless tyranny. This friendship is the friendship of the working people and of all the people of our country for a great people whose character and aspirations have ever justified the confidence, respect and friendship of the loving people, and the earnest hope that the situation in Russia may so change that freedom, justice, democracy and humanitarianism may be the guiding principles of their every day lives. For that time and opportunity American labor fervently anticipates that the true bond of national fraternity may be established between the toilers of Russia and those of America."

### OVER FOUR MILLION ORGANIZED WORKERS AFFILIATED TO THE A. F. OF L.

"The average paid-up and reported membership of affiliated organizations for the twelve months ending April 30, 1921, was 3,966,528," says Secretary Frank Morrison in his report to the forty-first annual convention of the American Federation of Labor which is now in session at Denver, Col. "Add to the ready average membership of 3,966,528 the total of 115,415, the reported membership of eight international organizations that have been suspended for failure to comply with decisions rendered by the conventions of the American Federation of Labor, you have a grand total of 4,081,943 members."

### LABOR URGED TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL SUNDAY AND OTHER DAYS.

The observance everywhere of Labor's Memorial Sunday—the fourth Sunday in May—is strongly urged by the executive council of the A. F. of L. in its report to the Denver convention. The report also urges proper and adequate observance of Labor Day—the first Monday in September—and attention is called to the appropriateness of joining with the various religious denominations in observance of Labor Sunday, the day preceding Labor Day.

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## U. S. LABOR WANTS TOTAL EXCLUSION OF JAPANESE WITH ALL OTHER ORIENTALS

Japanese in a Cunning and Stealthy Manner—Outwitted the Intent of the Immigration Laws, Declares A.F. of L. Executive Council.

Some very interesting statistics are given in the report of the executive council to the Denver Convention of the A. F. of L. concerning Chinese and Japanese immigration into the United States. The report states: "The citizens of California are justified in viewing with alarm and apprehension the results of the Japanese invasion in that state. The Japanese colonize together and have gradually driven out the American citizens from the most fertile farm lands in the state. They already have under cultivation 92 per cent. of the celery, 89 per cent. of the asparagus, 13 per cent. of the onions, 74 per cent. of the cantaloupes, 79 per cent. of seeds, etc. They understand the American farmer because of their low standards of living. Not only have they acquired large areas of agricultural lands, but they are gradually going into the trades."

### PUBLIC CONTROL OF CREDIT CAPITAL

A. F. of L. Demands That Public Agency Be Administered Voluntarily and Co-Operatively.

Under the heading "Constructive Demands" the executive council of the A. F. of L. in its annual report to the Denver Convention, which opens on Monday, makes the following recommendation:

"The trade union movement stands for the preservation and enlargement of fundamental rights and the freedom of workers to join together in the long run, human progress will turn with greater effect. "Combined autocratic powers are making every effort to destroy the freedom of workers to join together in defense of their interests. There may be conflicts that are more spectacular, but there is none upon which, in the long run, human progress will turn with greater effect. "The whole issue of freedom today turns upon the question of group rights. Today the rights of the individual, the relations between workers and employers, can be safeguarded and guaranteed only as the rights of the group are equally safeguarded and guaranteed. Those who seek to crush and oppress the workers see this clearly. Through old and new laws and through contractual devices under the protection of these laws they seek to destroy the movement of the workers and to destroy freedom for the workers."

"We call upon the workers everywhere to resist with every proper activity this new slavery. Our freedom must be complete and all-abounding. Restriction of freedom is abolition of freedom. We call upon this convention and upon the workers everywhere to dedicate themselves again to the struggle for freedom. The aspirations of human life must not be jeopardized by the presence of an industrial system that has not yet learned how to give its best service or how best to accommodate itself to the growing needs of human life. This demand we place upon all others as meriting and requiring our most energetic action everywhere. Free-

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## WORKERS' LIVES SHOULD BE MADE BETTER DAILY

Practice of Fixing Wages on a Basis of Cost of Living Without Support.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor are unable at this time to lay down in definite form a policy which they believe proper basis of wage measurement, but are firmly convinced of the necessity of research and study, in order that a principle may be found which will be scientifically sound and to which, therefore, our industrial life will naturally adjust itself. This information is gleaned from the report of the executive council as submitted to the forty-first annual convention of the A. F. of L. which is at present in session at Denver, Col.

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"Proper absorption of non-producers must not perish on the altar of either greed or cupidity. "In addition we reiterate and reaffirm these principles: "Those contributing to production should have a part in its control. "Proper absorption of non-producers into useful channels. "We urge the setting up of conference boards of organized workers and employers thoroughly voluntary in character and in thorough accord with our trade union organizations, as means of promoting the development of co-operation through development of co-operation. We point out to employers the fact that industry, which is the life blood of our civilization, can not be made the plaything and the pawn of a few who by chance today hold control. Industry is the thing which all must live and it must be given the opportunity to function at its best. "Control of credit capital by those whose chief interest is the nation of profits results inevitably in the open door for profiteering. We repeat and emphasize the demand of organized labor for control of credit capital to be taken from the hands of private financiers and placed in the hands of a public agency to be administered by voluntary and co-operative methods. "We urge that the United States Department of Labor compile and issue monthly statements of the cost of manufacture of those staple articles which form the basis of calculation in fixing the cost of living."

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