
Manifesto of the United Toilers of America to the Miners, Marine, & Transport Workers of the World

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FELLOW WORKERS!

The miners of America are in the 17th week of the greatest strike that has ever occurred in the history of this industry. They are fighting the most ruthless and arrogant ruling class on earth — *the American plunderbund*.

This ruling class emerged from the World War as the most powerful national group on the face of the earth. Soon after the close of the war a terrific drive on the part of the master class was waged against every form of labor unionism in the nation.

Taking advantage of the collapse of war industries and the resultant unemployment, the master class began its assault upon labor and every organization of the working class on the American continent has received astonishing reductions in wages and has seen many of its privileges, gained through years of struggle and sacrifices, swept away.

The workers were retreating everywhere, on all fronts, until the miners, 680,000 strong, determined to make a stand.

Their strike was called the 1st of April, this year [1922], and their ranks have stood solid against the master class in spite of the combined

assaults of gunmen, militia, injunction judges, and every form of oppression known to capitalism. They are still standing firm today.

Three weeks ago there was a strike of railway shopmen that has resulted in aiding the striking miners to the extent of shutting off the supply of cars that enable the industrial lords of the nation to transport coal from the scab mines in the Southern states. The shutdown is now complete; the demands of industry in this country will force the coal barons to yield to the demands of the miners — **UNLESS FOREIGN COAL CAN BE OBTAINED!**

There have been many transports loaded with cargoes of coal from Europe landed at American ports. The ruling class is jubilant. The coal famine can be postponed if only they can continue the steady influx of foreign coal. The ruling class of Britain is working hand in hand with the ruling class of the United States to defeat the miners here.

Comrades! Fellow Workers! Of Britain and of All Europe! Coal Miners! Transport Workers! Seamen! Of All Nations! We, the **United Toilers of America**, a revolutionary working class organization, with thousands of members in the ranks of

the struggling miners of this nation, in the name of the militant workers of the United States, appeal to you to refuse to aid the master class of the world in their international conspiracy to crush the coal miners who are valiantly fighting the battles of labor.

Our masters recognize their international interests. They fight together — against us. They are the International Brigands of Capitalism endeavoring to crush the labor movement of the world. Against this dastardly combination of exploiters, murderers, parasites, and their flunkies of all lands we must oppose International action on the part of the working class.

If they can crush the American mine workers now, the same combination of predatory fiends will crush you later. In fact, the miners of Great Britain met defeat at the hands of their master class a year ago because the working class neglected to act. British, French, Belgian, and German coal

will crush the American miners just as the master class of Europe used German reparations coal against the strike in Britain.

In one nation after another the movement of the working class is being defeated by the combined forces of capitalist imperialism. For them there is no imaginary boundary line that keeps them separated. They stand united around the world against labor. In order to effectively resist the onslaughts of capitalism we also must act on an international scale.

Against the combined forces of capitalism we must hurl the forces of International Labor.

Rally to the support of the struggling miners of the United States of America.

Smash the international conspiracy against labor with the United Front of the Working Class.

Down with the exploiters of labor!

Long live the International Solidarity of the Working Class!

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