RESOLUTION ON WAR

In this critical international situation, this convention believes that its greatest contribution to the cause of peace is the reendorsement of the present program of the A.S.U. and of the Oxford Pledge "To refuse to support any war conducted by the U.S. government". Today, as before 1914, opposing imperialist alliances are forming, one based upon the preservation of the imperialist status quo of the Versailles Treaty--"the haves"; the other, the League of Dissatisfied Imperialists, hungry for spoils--especially Germany, Italy and Japan. The war that is looming will be fought for these imperialist stakes.

It will not be a war "to make the world safe for democracy" against fascism; it will not be a war fought to win peace against fascism aggression. As far as the imperialist government of the U.S. is concerned, whatever the international alignments may be, it will be an imperialist war.

In this situation the fight against war must be carried on along the lines of the collective action of the anti-war forces of the world, in particular, the labor movement, independent of their imperialist governments. We reject the policy of collective security, or any of its forms such as governmental embargoes, economic sanctions or military sanctions. Such policies make only for the "collective security" of the status quo powers and can only lead to collective war, whether or not the initial steps taken are economic in nature. Collective security, no matter what good intentions are behind it, is a pro-war program.

Our positive program for the fight against war, based on independent action, includes the following specific points:

1. Mobilization now for collective opposition in time of war, along the lines of the Oxford Pledge as a main deterrent to the plans of the war-makers; support of the militant student anti-war strikes for this end.

2. Opposition to the military and naval budget of the government, especially in view of the announcement appearing during this convention on President Roosevelt's proposal for an increase in the already swollen navy appropriations; transference of war funds to education and unemployment relief.

3. Opposition to all militarism in education and for the complete abolition of the ROTC; in particular, for a campaign for the Nye-Kvale bill as a step toward this end.

4. Opposition to the government's militarization of the youth, especially as indicated by the recent statement of Fochner boasting of the military preparation of the CCC workers.

5. Against American imperialism in Latin America--especially in Cuba and Brazil--and all over the world; for freedom for the American colonies.

6. Withdrawal of American troops and ships from foreign shores and waters.

7. Opposition to the Shephard-Hill bill and similar industrial mobilization plans.

8. Material aid to the masses of people of Spain and China in their struggle against fascism and Japanese imperialism.

9. Support of the consumers' boycott of Japanese goods, and aid to unions in the stoppage of shipments to fascist Spain and to China.

10. Lifting of the American neutrality blockade of Spain.