

NEGRO

RANK and FILE

WHITE

VETERANS

MARCH TO WASHINGTON

TO ARRIVE AT OPENING OF CONGRESS

DECEMBER 5th, 1932

TO DEMAND

CASH PAYMENT of BONUS

MARCH TO BE LED BY RANK AND FILE VETERANS

Again the veterans are going to march to Washington, to demand immediate full cash payment of the Bonus! This time we will have fighting leadership that won't sell us out. Why are we going to march? Let's see.

A WINTER OF HUNGER FACES THE VETERANS

Cold, brutal winter is now on us. Over a million and a half unemployed veterans are hungry; hundreds of thousands of us have no shelter. And there will be more of us in that fix by the time winter comes.

Those of us who still have some work have suffered wage cuts, and the stagger plan, and face more wage cuts.

INTEREST CHARGES WIPE OUT BONUS BY 1945

In 1945 there will be no Bonus for the rank and file veteran. The balance is now being eaten up by the compound interest charged by the government to all who borrowed the fifty percent of the Adjusted Service Certificate. In 1945 there will be only about \$30 to \$60 for the great majority of the veterans entitled to the Bonus. **WE MUST FIGHT FOR THE BONUS NOW!**

THE ENEMIES OF THE BONUS ARE UNITED AGAINST US

The Republican, Democratic and Socialist Parties are all united in the fight against the payment of the balance due the veterans on the Bonus. They get the full support of the boss press, and the liberal writers, too.

Waters, the Hoke Smiths, the Doak Carters and other former leaders of the B. E. F. are fighting the rank and file veterans who are putting up a fight for the immediate payment of the Bonus.

The newly elected commander Johnson has had recent correspondence with Hoover and will not fight for the Bonus. General Glassford and the Hoover government are again preparing to prevent the veterans from making direct demands on Congress.

These fakery are all lined up with the enemies of the Bonus to prevent the rank and file of the veterans from uniting their mass power to march to Washington and demand the immediate payment of the Bonus and against cutting of the disability allowance.

RANK AND FILE VETERANS, MARCH TO WASHINGTON!

All Veterans March to Washington!

Veterans' organizations, elect Bonus Marchers. All rank and file veterans, including employed and unemployed veterans, should elect delegated Bonus Marchers. Veterans from shops, mills, mines, factories and farms should be elected. Bonus marchers should be elected from the veteran membership in labor, fraternal and social organizations.

ELECT CITY RANK AND FILE COMMITTEES

City rank and file committees representing the various groups and organizations of veterans should meet to carry out the program of Central Rank and File Committee elected by the Cleveland Conference of the Rank and File Veterans. (Sept. 23-26.)

HEROES IN 1917; THEY CALL US "CRIMINALS" NOW

In 1917 the government appealed to the masses: "Shall we be more tender with our dollars than with the lives of our sons?" (Second Liberty Bond poster, 1917.)

And now, in 1932: "The bonus marchers are criminals . . ." (Statement of President Hoover.)

Neither then nor now did the Wall Street government care about the welfare of the soldier, "the lives of our sons."

Billions went to the billionaires who in 1917 made huge profits from the war, and today the billions go to the same crowd. The Congress that refused to give the starving veterans the bonus gave through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation four and a half billion dollars for the bankers, the railroads and other big corporations.

We got the bullets and the gas in 1917. Many of us were maimed and crippled for life. In 1932 we get the bullets and gas of the police, as we did in Washington, and of the troops, which Hoover called out against us.

Because we were demanding the Bonus so that we and our families could have something to eat, the President of the United States orders the army to gas and bayonet us, to burn our meagre belongings and to drive our wives and children out into the dark of the night.

WALL STREET GOVERNMENT GIVES BILLIONS FOR WAR AND BANKERS

We are facing starvation. But the boss' government does not care about us. However, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation the banks, the railroads and the large industries get billions. The 15 million unemployed workers, the poor and mortgaged farmers, the small shopkeeper get nothing. Bankruptcy, foreclosures, public sales of farms and starvation face the great masses of the people. And at the same time billions are being spent by the government for another world war.

UNITY OF VETERANS WILL WIN OUR DEMANDS

The coming march of the veterans will unite all the veterans. Negro and white veterans must struggle together against all attempts to divide them. All veterans, unemployed and employed, skilled and unskilled workers, starving farmers, small bankrupt shopkeepers, professional men, homeless and friendless unmarried veterans, must unite for the coming march.

From cities, towns and villages they will come.

No matter what our political beliefs are, we must unite in this fight. Foreign-born and native veterans must be united. The wives, mothers and children of the vets must support the fight for the Bonus. The rank and file of veterans' organizations, despite their boss class commanders will join the fight. It is such unity that will give us the strength to fight our enemies.

WE NEVER FORGET HUSHKA AND CARLSON

While in Washington we will commemorate the murder of Hushka and Carlson who were murdered by the Glassford police and now lie buried in Arlington Cemetery.

A fitting tribute will be paid to the veterans who were murdered by the Glassford police.

BONUS MARCH OF RANK AND FILE GIVES RELIEF TO 214,000 VETERANS

The Bonus March proved that the mass pressure of the rank and file of the veterans is the only way to win results.

The Bonus March forced Congress to remove the two year restriction clause and to give immediate payment to over 214,000 veterans, of fifty percent of the adjusted service compensation due them. The Bonus March taught the rank and file how to organize their mass strength and exposed the enemies within our own ranks as well as those outside our ranks.

MASS SUPPORT FOR THE VETERANS

The fight of the veterans is part of the fight of all the people against hunger, wage cuts, unemployment and war. The support of the veterans who are not marching to Washington, the people as a whole, the veterans and other organizations is more necessary now than ever before. The organized opposition is stronger. Intimidation and threats will be used against us and those who support us. The full support of those who are not marching will be needed.

WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS, FOOD AND MONEY, NEEDED

The marchers will face cold weather. Blankets and heavy clothes will be needed for the trip. The delegates who will be elected and other veterans who will again march are carrying on the fight for all of us who cannot march to Washington. They must move forward with our support, financial as well as moral. Donate your extra blankets, heavy clothing, cooking utensils. Help collect food and money. Support the demonstrations of the veterans and the unemployed.

DEMANDS OF THE VETERANS:

BONUS

Congress to pass a bill for the immediate cash payment of the Bonus with the following provisions:

1. Congress authorize the immediate payment of the balance due on the adjusted service certificates, upon demand of those entitled to it.
2. All interest charges on certificates to cease.
3. All interest deducted from loans already made including the transportation loans advanced the Bonus Marchers to be added to the balance due.
4. Funds to be raised as follows:
 - a) Surtax on industries;
 - b) Inheritance tax;
 - c) All funds for immediate war preparations;
 - d) Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds.

DISABLED

- Not a cent off the disability allowances.
- Negro war veterans to be admitted in all hospitals.
- Jim-crowing of Negro veterans to cease. This applies to all hospitals in the South in particular.
- Veterans to have right to choose their own doctors and expense to be paid by the government.

UNEMPLOYED

House and feed all unemployed unmarried veterans as well as other unmarried unemployed without police surveillance at local government and federal government expense.

Unemployment and social insurance for all unemployed at the expense of the federal government and the employers.

DETACH AND MAIL TO

VETERANS CENTRAL RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE
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NEW YORK CITY

Comrades:

Please send me more information about what to do to make the Bonus March a success.

NAME ADDRESS

CITY STATE

- I condemn the Hoover administration for using the troops against the veterans.
- I support immediate payment of the Bonus.
- I will support the march to Washington.

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