

LATIN-AMERICA WILL PROTEST MELLA ARREST

Cuban Communist on Hunger-Strike

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Acting immediately upon a cable message received yesterday from its Cuban section regarding the Wall Street-inspired arrest of Julio Antonio Mella and his twelve comrades, the All-American Anti-imperialist League has cabled organizations in all parts of Latin-America, calling upon them to protest. The league has also cabled a strong protest to President Machado of Cuba, whose subservience to Ambassador Crowder recalls the similar subservience of President Chiari of Panama.

On Hunger-Strike.

Mella has been on a hunger-strike in his cell for the last six days. The campaign for his release will be test of the rapidly developing solidarity of anti-imperialist forces thruout the Americas.

The prisoners are charged with setting off bombs in front of a Havana factory. Opinion is universal, however, that this is a frame-up of the sort that has become common in Cuba since it was announced that the government would tolerate no criticism of American imperialism. It is generally understood that Mella's arrest—the second within a few weeks—was to put an end to his revolutionary activities, particularly with regard to American interests on the island.

Leads Students' Movement.

Mella is the outstanding figure of the recently-formed Communist Party of Cuba. He is also a leader of the student's federation and has been active in uniting the students behind the demand for the repeal of the Platt amendment giving the United States government virtual overlordship of Cuba. He became very much interested in the work of the All-American Anti-Imperialist League and helped to organize the Cuban section, of which he was made general secretary.

When he supported the exploited "colonos" who refused to cut sugar cane under the conditions laid down by the big American-owned companies, the ire of the imperialists reached its height. Shortly after came his first arrest.

Protest to President Machado.

Following is the cablegram of protest sent by the All-America Anti-Imperialist League last night to President Machado of Cuba.

President of Republic of Cuba.
Havana, Cuba.

The All-America Anti-Imperialist League, with sections in five countries of Latin-America and the United States, emphatically protests arrest of secretary of its Cuban section, Julio Antonio Mella, and twelve companions. We denounce arrests as betrayal to American imperialism and demand immediate release.

Manuel Gomez, Secretary.

Campaign for Mella Release.

Campaign for the release of Mella and his associates will be taken up in all countries oppressed by American imperialism. The nationalist parties in Porto Rico, the Philippines, etc., are expected to take part, as well as American labor organizations opposed to imperialism.