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BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 6.—The stringent censorship by the Colombian government is continuing, suppressing news of the rebellion of armed workers and peasants. Despite this reports of further arrests of Communists reached the press.

Troops have not been able to crush the outbreaks which have spread over three departments.

Second Revolt in Year.

The All-America Anti-Imperialist League (U. S. section), through its national secretary, William Simons, and the head of its Latin-American department, Albert Moreau, yesterday issued the following statement on the Colombian workers' rebellion:

"Only half a year ago, 30,000 banana plantation workers of Colombia conducted a heroic struggle against the United Fruit Co. and their tools, the Colombian government. Again, the masses of Colombian workers are in revolt; and again, troops are used in an at-

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tempt to crush their movement for betterment of conditions and against imperialism.

"The growing crisis in Colombia has worsened considerably the already miserable living conditions of the masses of workers on the plantations, railroads and oil fields, bringing them to a state of despair. And the present movement is the result.

"The brutality of the Colombian government after the recent banana plantation workers' strike, drowned in blood on orders of the United Fruit Co., with the murder of 1,000 workers, has not dampened the revolutionary spirit of the oppressed masses.

Workers' Militancy.

"The workers have once more shown their militancy, on an increasing scale, indicating the leftward drift of the masses, in Latin-America generally. Again, as in the banana workers' strike, certain sections of the troops have refused to shoot the workers. The militancy of the oppressed Colombian masses is not confined to the railroad workers, but is a general phenomenon, affecting the plantations as well as the oil fields, dominated mainly by American capital.

"This struggle, like every other struggle of the Colombian masses, is a struggle against imperialism, especially American imperialism. We hold Wall Street and the American government responsible for the oppression of the Colombian workers and for the murder of Colombian workers and peasants by the Colombian government.

"We call upon the workers of the United States, especially those engaged in strikes against American imperialism, to support this mass movement of the workers and peasants of Colombia, and to protest against American imperialism, which utilizes the Colombian government in an attempt to suppress the growing revolutionary wave which aims at complete freedom from American imperialism and from the native, reactionary government."