

PROTEST WOOD'S VETO OF ISLAND REFERENDUM BILL

Anti-Imperialist League Asks Recall of Governor

Branding Governor-General Wood's veto of the Filipino referendum bill on independence as "a brazen insult to an oppressed people" the All-America Anti-Imperialist League yesterday issued a statement of protest.

The statement calls for the immediate recall of Wood and appeals to the American workers to support Filipino independence.

The statement in full follows:

**Are the Filipino People to Be Denied
the Right to Say Whether They
Want Their Freedom?**

**STATEMENT OF ALL-AMERICA
ANTI-IMPERIALIST LEAGUE.**

Governor-General Leonard Wood has again vetoed the bill for a referendum on the independence question in the Philippines. This is the second time that he has refused to grant the Filipinos the right to say whether they want independence. Last year a similar bill was passed unanimously by the legislature, but it was vetoed by Wood when it was too late for re-passage. The present bill vetoed by Wood will now come before the legislature for re-passage, will undoubtedly be unanimously re-adopted, and then will be presented to President Coolidge for his action.

Wood Fears Vote.

Why did Wood veto this bill? Why does he not permit the Filipinos to vote on this question? That he fears an overwhelming support for freedom on the part of the voters is proved by the fact that every representative in the Filipino legislature was elected mainly for his stand for independence. Wood has acted in accord with the wishes of Wall Street, which can look upon the Philippines only as a cast rubber plantation.

Wood's action makes a mockery of everything American presidents have ever said about the rights of self-determination of nations. Not only are the Filipinos denied self-determination but they are even refused the right to express their preference.

Monster Protest.

The All-American Anti-Imperialist League calls upon all true friends of Filipino independence to rally in a monster protest against this brazen insult to an oppressed people. Let your voice be heard in Washington! Demand the recall of Governor-General Wood, whose every act tightens the chains of imperialist domination on the Philippines!

Wood must be recalled immediately!

Down with American imperialism!

Support the struggle for independence of the Filipino people!

Immediate, complete and absolute independence for the Philippines!

All-American Anti-Imperialist League.

Mamuel Gomez,

Secretary U. S. Section.