EUROPE COMMUNIST PRESS INFLUENTIAL

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While we observe the Fifth Anniversary of the Daily Worker and prepare ourselves for an even more intensive struggle, we might keep in mind the Communist newspapers in Europe, which have much the same problems to face as we have, and which are the organs of the revolutionary struggle on its European front.

Although we know that our struggle is an international one and that workers all over the world are fighting for the overthrow of capitalism, to pick up a copy of "Humanite," the organ of the Communist Party of France, or the "Rote Fahne," of the German Communist Party, or the "Workers' Life" of the English Communist Party, is to become convinced of the unbreakable bond that ties us to our class brothers.

Big Circulation

The "Humanite" is the third largest newspaper in France, and is the main working class competitor of all the bourgeois newspapers combined. In the words of a sailor just come to port, "At Marseille, the 'Humanite' is piled up this high on the stands and the sailors buy it like hotcakes."

One can truly say that the "Humanite" is a mass newspaper, fighting for the mass of workers, supported by them, and the bugle call to revolutionary action in France. There is not an event which affects the working class that does not find its response in Humanite. Every struggle of revolutionary workers against speed-up or wage cuts finds expression in the voice of the French masses. The textile strikers in the Lille area welcomed the Humanite with open arms, looking to it for interpretation of events.

Expose Anti-Soviet Plot

The machinations of the French imperialists in alliance with the British in preparation for an aggressive war against the Soviet Union are met and combatted at every point, in the Humanite. It exposed Briand's maneuvers at Geneva when he tried to excuse the frantic war preparations of the French government by intimating that there was always danger of class war and "invasion" by the Soviet Union. It showed how the French war department trains and finances the armies of Poland and Rumania and welds them into an anti-Soviet bloc. It rallied the workers against the Franco-British naval pact and tallies every move of the imperialists with a cry of "Organization for the revolutionary movement and down with the imperialists!"

The Humanite is so open to all events which affect the working class that its pages seem to be able to mould themselves to every need and demand of the workers, to every attempt on the part of the master class and its reformist allies to further subdue the workers.

Fights "Socialists"

The "Rote Fahne" is an equally powerful paper, taking up the fight of the international proletariat on the German front. In the Ruhr metal lock-out, in the shipyard workers' strike, in the Hamburg dock strike, in every major workers' struggle in the factory it has been a guiding post.

The German social-democrats, those supporters of German imperialism, the open enemies of militant workers' movements, the allies of the bosses as the Ruhr situation has undeniably shown, are the real enemies of the German working class and the "Rote Fahne" spares no words to express their real role and points out the way the workers must travel.

Against Reformists

During the cruiser building campaign of the German government, of which the "socialists" are an integral part, the "Rote Fahne" was the daily written expression of the Communist campaign against the new German imperialism. It never loses an opportunity to rally the workers against reformist leaders in the trade unions, against the war maneuvers of the government, against the attempt to give Wall Street more power as the shylock of the German workers. It rallies its readers—and its readers extend into hundreds of thousands—around the revolutionary movement.

Many Features

eBsides, the "Rote Fahne" like "Humanite," also carries on its work on the cultural field, training the workers in revolutionary ideology, giving them working class stories and lighter features of great interest. Take up a Sunday edition of the newspaper and you will see a real center for proletarian interest. Besides the current struggle of the workers there are poems, book reviews, scientific articles, stories, articles, pictures, dramatic reviews—all written by and for revolutionary workers.

The "Drapeau Rouge" (Red Flag), carries the revolutionary incentive to the Belgium workers. Not as large as either the French or German Communist papers, it has considerable influence in Belgium.

"Workers' Life," the voice of the English revolutionary workers, carries the Hammer and Sickle on its front page, and repeats the slogan "Workers of all Countries Unite!" It is engaged in an ever energetic campaign against the reformist Trade Union Congress and the Labor Party of MacDonald and his ilk. It is not a daily, as the ones mentioned above are, but can only publish once a week due to the continual campaign of the imperialists and the reformists against the Communists.

Fights Brutal Empire

Here we see, brought down to direct and hitting terms, the struggle of the workers in England shoulder to shoulder with the workers and peasants of the British colonies and semi-colonies against one of the most brutal imperialisms in the world. The campaign for the organization of the unemployed and against the anti-Soviet aggression of the British government are the chief activities today. The miners, perhaps the most exploited group today in England, find a whole page for their expression in every issue of the "Workers' Life." Just now the organization of the National Unemployed March on London occupies much space.

We're Not Isolated

In addition it would be well to mention the "Sunday Worker," the voice of the British Minority Movement, which has a very large circulation and which is succeeding in rallying more and more workers to the ranks of the revolutionary fighters.

In the Monacular



Austen is the king's, and "The City's" Chamberlain. When the good foreign minister is not busy arranging for war against the U. S. S. R., or trying to be better prepared for war with the U. S. than "our" militarists are, he's intensely occupied with the effort to screw his eyelids down on his monocle and his tax collectors down on the natives in the colonies.

Illinois Mine Fakers Sell Out to the Boss

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (By Mail). — The Fishwick-Lewis company union outfit has gone the whole hog in class collaboration. Jointly with the mine owners, these fakers have set up a committee to "study conditions" created by coal loading and conveying machinery.

This means in plain English that the fakers are working with the owners to speed up production and put still more miners out of work.