struggles of the French workers with the struggles of the American working class. We must be able to show them and we must be able to organize them for protest against these conditions—that the same exploiter, the same world capitalism, dominates the lives of all. This issue must be raised in every struggle, in every demonstration of the American working masses. At first we will be able to reach only a few. But we must concentrate in the industries of strategic importance.

These tasks that I have spoken of are not going to be accomplished in a few months. The American trade union is governed by bureaucrats who are clever although they are reactionary. They have the solid support of American capitalists. They have the support of the capitalist press. They have tremendous economic power. And all that opposes them in the United States is the Workers (Communist) Party and the Trade Union Educational League—the section of the Red International of Labor Unions.

I have the fullest confidence that we will solve our problem in America, and the reason I believe so is that here in this congress there will be worked out a strategy for every nation that will be a handbook for the revolutionary minority.

If our findings and conclusions become, not merely words on paper, but living, breathing portions of the daily struggle of the working class translated into action through our own energy, militancy and revolutionary spirit, then, even in reactionary America, the capitalist class will begin to feel that not only in the European countries, where the revolution finds expression in the armed struggle for power—but in "peaceful" America, too, the revolution approaches.

T. U. E. L. Greets British Militants
(Communication sent to the National Minority Conference, meeting at London, England, on August 23, 1924.)

DEAR COMRADES:—Greetings to the revolutionary workers of Great Britain.

On behalf of the National Committee of the Trade Union Educational League, I take pleasure in extending our heartiest wishes for the success of your historic conference.

The revolutionaries in the United States are watching with the greatest interest the development of your vital movement. The many defeats suffered by the British workers on the industrial field, especially since Black Friday in 1921, have demonstrated the futility of the old line trade union program and the absolute necessity for a revolutionary policy and leadership. Now the Labor Party, with its settled policy of betrayal of the workers' interests for the sake of the employers' support, is making clear also the bankruptcy of its antiquated, petty bourgeois conceptions. Consequently, an increasingly favorable opportunity is presenting itself for the Communist left wing to place itself at the head of the disillusioned masses. We hope that your conference will result in many constructive measures tending to give you the necessary organization to fulfill your historic task as the vanguard of the British working class in its final assault upon the capitalist system.

We, in the United States, are having a desperate struggle in the face of a multitude of enemies. The capitalist class is highly organized, rich beyond computation, and imbued with a militant fighting spirit. The working class, on the other hand, is incredibly backward intellectually, having hardly the faintest inkling of class understanding. Its organization is pitifully weak and its reactionary leadership is beneath contempt. In such an environment it is exceedingly difficult for us to make headway, but much is being accomplished, nevertheless.

We believe that it would be highly beneficial for our two minority movements to keep in close touch with each other, not only with respect to the general movements, but also those in the individual industries. We will be glad to co-operate with you in this respect. Again wishing your conference the greatest success, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

Trade Union Educational League,
Wm. Z. Foster, Secy.-Treas.