

ZINOVIEV, IN PRAVDA, DENOUNCES TREASON OF BRITISH REFORMIST LEADERS IN GENERAL STRIKE

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MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., May 13.—Gregory Zinoviev, president of the Communist International, writing in Pravda, declares that the British general strike was betrayed by the reformist leaders.

"As soon as the General Council of the British Trade Union Congress admitted the Thomases and the MacDonalds to play the decisive part in the direction of the strike, the cause was lost. The moment the leaders of the General Council gave assurance that the strike was non-political and refused to accept financial help of the international unions, it became clear where things were going.

"Nevertheless the British general strike will play an important part as a rehearsal for future great battles. The British working class will henceforth make great progress in liberating themselves from reformist illusions. The great strike prepared British soil for the strong, rapid growth of Bolshevism in the British labor movement."

An editorial in Pravda says that this lesson of unheard-of treason will have grave consequences for the British workers. The struggle of folded arms is finished for Great Britain, and now begins the acute and merciless class struggle.

The conference of miners of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics,

representing 340,000 members of the Miners' Union, opened today in Moscow. Having learned of the end of the general strike and the continuation of the miners' strike, the conference cabled to the executive committee of the British miners' federation, declaring unaltered its resolution to lend full support to the British miners, their struggle being now still harder and more responsible. Collections for the British miners are progressing throughout the entire Union of Socialist Soviet Republics with the same success, the collected funds being transferred to the general council of the Trade Unions of the U. S. S. R. as relief funds to be put at the disposal of the British strikers at their first request.