

NATIONAL MINORITY MOVEMENT

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IMPORTANT CONFERENCE To Promote International Trade Union Unity

TO ALL TRADE UNIONISTS

DEAR COMRADES,

The National Minority Movement has at all times worked ceaselessly to bring about the unification of the Trade Union Movement, nationally and internationally. The reflection of our work was seen in the attitude taken up by the British Trades Union Congress delegation at the conference of the Amsterdam International held in July, and in the endorsement of the Unity Negotiations made unanimously by the Hull Trades Union Congress.

Another Step Forward

Now another step has been made. The visit of the British delegation to the Sixth All-Russian Congress has resulted in the formation of an Anglo-Russian Trade Union Unity Committee. We welcome this decision as the first practical move made by the British and Russian Trade Unions to bring about the unification of the world's Trade Unionists. But we know that such advance cannot merely be brought about from the top. The mass of the workers must be mobilised in this country especially, not only to support the action of the British delegation, but to make it possible to extend the whole sphere of the fight for international unity.

No serious-minded worker can be inactive in such a fight as this. Never did the full burden of capitalism fall so harshly upon the world's workers as now—low wages, high prices, increasing unemployment, intensified workshop exploitation, the constant fear of victimisation, the appalling bad housing conditions. Now with the ascendancy of a Conservative Government in England, we see the new economic offensive on the Trade Unions being prepared. As a result of the application of the Dawes Plan to Germany, that country has been turned into a slave colony of cheap labour for the Allied Imperialists and Financiers. It is not only a crime against the German working class, but against all the workers. The low standard of life of the German workers is to be the weapon used in every country to bring down the standard of all the workers.

Great Strikes

All over Europe great strikes have been taking place. In Poland, Germany and Austria masses of workers have been forced to strike against wage attacks and to try and defend their working hours. Already, as a result of the Dawes Plan, the 8-hour day has been lost in many European countries. In Germany itself a 10-hour and 12-hour working-day is the general situation.

New Wars

The danger of new wars presses ever closer. The recent events in China and Egypt show clearly to the most backward workers how far the Imperialists will go, either in search of new spheres of exploitation or to defend those they already hold.

A Common Fight

Comrades! It is clear that our fight is a common fight. The old local and national methods are no longer effective means of defence or attack. The Trade Unionists of the whole world must be brought together in a single Trade Union International so that a common class-struggle can be made against Capitalism. Our ordinary standards can now only be defended by International Trade Union action.

At present our ranks are divided. Some Unions are organised in the Amsterdam International; others are in the R.I.L.U. But there are vast masses of workers, particularly those of the British Empire, who are not affiliated to either International.

All Together

All must be brought together.

No petty differences and jealousies must be allowed to stand in the way. The workers of the world must learn to understand their common problems; establish closer organic connections; exchange frequent delegations of workers to have a first-hand knowledge of each other's conditions and difficulties.

The National Minority Movement is therefore convening a CONFERENCE to further this objective. The Conference will be held in the **BATTERSEA TOWN HALL, S.W.11, on Sunday, JANUARY 25th, 1925, commencing at 11 a.m.**

Comrade A. J. Cook, Secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, will preside.

Representatives from the French, German, Czecho-Slovakian, and the Russian Unions, and from the Amsterdam International and the R.I.L.U., have been invited to attend. In addition, we are going to invite some of the returning British delegation to take this opportunity of giving their impressions.

Harry Pollitt will give a report on the Sixth All-Russian Trades Union Congress, and a resolution on International Trade Union Unity will be submitted, and the best ways and means of advancing the fight for Unity will be discussed.

We hope to make this conference the most important gathering of workers ever held, and the representative character of the conference will also be unique in our Movement.

Comrades! See that your Branch, District Committee and Trades Council is represented.

Delegates' Credential Cards will be sent on payment of a delegation fee of 1/-. Branches are invited to send not less than two delegates.

Let our Slogan be :-

Fight for International Trade Union Unity,

and the convening of

A World Conference of Trade Unions and bring the Workers of the World under a Single Fighting Leadership.

Yours fraternally,

TOM MANN, *Hon. President,*

HARRY POLLITT, *General Secretary.*

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APPLICATION for CREDENTIALS FOR UNITY CONFERENCE

Secretary _____

Address _____

Organisation _____

Branch _____

Number of workers represented _____

Delegates' names and addresses :
