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Mr. Walter Citrine,
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General Council,
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32, Ecclestone Square,
London, S.W.

Dear Comrade,

In view of the serious situation which has arisen regarding the Trade Unions Bill and the raid on Arcos and the Russian Delegation, my Executive Committee desire to approach through you, the General Council of the Trades Union Congress in order that they may receive a deputation from ourselves.

The deliberate provocation of Soviet Russia as instanced by the raid on the Soviet Institutions in London as Comrade Litvinoff's Note points out, can only have one meaning - the breaking off of all trade relations with its resulting unemployment, finally leading up to armed attack on the U.S.S.R.

It is obviously no accident that this takes place at the same moment as the normal parliamentary procedure is suspended in order to drive through the Trade Unions Bill by dictatorial methods.

Clearly the Government intends to break the unity of the working class movement at home, while separating it from the working class abroad and especially in Soviet Russia.

The working class cannot afford to allow this policy to reach completion, and therefore we have the following proposals to make to the General Council through our deputation:-

(I). That your General Council energetically protest against the unscrupulous violation of the Trade Agreement of 1921. That you demand the Baldwin Government make full



apology and reparation for the damage done and the assaults committed during the raid.

(2). That a new Conference of Executives with representation from the Trades Councils be called immediately to prepare a General Strike to combat the obvious moves that are being made to force war on Soviet Russia, to force the withdrawal of the Trade Unions Bill and to take whatever action is necessary to compel the resignation of the Baldwin Government.

Yours fraternally,

Harry Pollitt

Hon. General Secretary.