

# SAKLATVALA ISSUE RAISED IN INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION MEET DESPITE OFFICIAL BAN

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 4.—Despite the efforts made by the council in charge of the interparliamentary union congress to keep the exclusion of Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the British house of commons, from the floor of the congress, Ben Riley, labor member of the British parliament, in his speech scored the union for its method of handling the Saklatvala incident.

His speech followed the transmission of the following letter of protest by Shapurji Saklatvala to the congress of his exclusion.

## Saklatvala Protests.

"I submit for the special and emergency consideration of the conference the question of the outrage committed by the United States government upon the rights and prerogatives of our conference, and also of the serious violation of the time-honored usage respected by the hosts for all international assemblages.

"The validity of most meetings of members of an organization becomes doubtful if any member entitled to attend the same is forcefully kept out of it. It would be impossible to accept the invitation of a country for an international assemblage, if the hosts undertook the duties of carefully going thru the career of each delegate, and applied to it some peculiar national standard of fitness or unfitness, and assumed control over permission of delegates to attend conferences."

## To Expose Kellogg.

Saklatvala in his letter offered to come before the committee that the interparliamentary union may appoint and show that the speech that he made in the British house of commons was garbled by the secretary of state in his exclusion of the British delegate.

## Attacks Union Conference.

"We have no desire," said Ben Riley, labor member of the British parliament in his attack on the failure of the union to protest the Saklatvala ban and also to discuss other issues that contained dynamite for many of the reactionaries in the union congress, "to enter into a discussion of how the exclusion of Mr. Saklatvala has come about, or to question the right of any country to administer its own laws; but we are concerned that unless the council of this union can make such arrangements as will enable all its members to enjoy equal rights, and make their particular convention to the great work for which the union exists, confidence will be destroyed and a great blow struck at the very basis and purpose of the union."

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## Washington Protest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 4.—The workers of Washington protested against the exclusion of Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the house of commons, from the United States and the interparliamentary union congress now meeting at Washington at a well attended mass meeting held at 1337 Seventh St., Northwest.

Comrade Bloor who was the main speaker, attacked the exclusion tactics of Kellogg to stifle an opposition to the imperialist rule of Great Britain and showed how England had forced her imperialist policy on India, Egypt, Ireland and other nations.

## Resolution Adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"This protest meeting assembled at 137 Seventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C., Sept. 30, 1925, resolves that,

"Whereas, Shapurji Saklatvala was excluded from America by an arbitrary act of British representatives in our own government after he had been invited to this country by the interparliamentary union, and,

## For Indian Independence.

"Whereas, we know that this act of injustice was to penalize Saklatvala for his championship of the cause of

freedom for India's workers and for his vigorous protests against British imperialism,

## Condemn Kellogg.

"Be it resolved, that we condemn the exclusion of this representative of labor by Secretary of State Kellogg as an act of collusion with the British empire, in its effort to subjugate the workers of India, China, Ireland and many other countries to its lust for world domination."

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## Frisco Workers Protest

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 4.—A united front protest meeting held at San Francisco Sunday evening, Sept. 27, at which, speakers in Chinese, Hindu and English addressed the workers on the exclusion of Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the British house of commons, from the interparliamentary union congress being held at Washington, D. C., adopted the following resolution protesting his exclusion and demanding his immediate admission:

"Whereas: Secretary of State Kellogg, having instructed the general consul at London to revoke the visa granted to Shapurji Saklatvala, a member of the English parliament, and a representative of the organized workers of that country, from attending the interparliamentary conference at Washington; and,

## Fights Imperialism.

"Whereas: Saklatvala has carried on an uncompromising struggle against English imperialism in China, Egypt, Ireland, and particularly in India; therefore be it

"Resolved, That thru this mass meeting held in Workers' Hall, San Francisco, on this Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 1925, we unhesitatingly protest the action of the administration thru its secretary of state, in excluding Saklatvala, as an act of hostility against the labor movement of the whole world, and as a blow of discrimination against the foreign-born workers, and at the same time as a vicious blow to free speech in the United States; and be it

## Admit Saklatvala!

"Resolved, That we demand the immediate admission of Saklatvala to this country, and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to Secretary of State Kellogg; to Senator Hiram Johnson, and to the press.

"Signed, CHAS. W. RILGRIM, chairman of meeting."

## Increased Sugar Output in Russia.

In the next business year the production program of the Sugar Trust will be brought up to 58 million poods (1 pood—36 English pounds) of sugar, against 44 million poods in the current year. In connection with this, the Central Administration of State Industries will open in addition to the 125 sugar factories already working, another 26 factories from the list of those not at present working. This year's splendid beet harvest guarantees that sugar will be of a superior quality.