

# **BATTERSEA WORKERS APPROVE OF SAKLATVALA'S SPEECH IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT AS THEIR SPOKESMAN**

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Battersea Labor Club of the Nine Elms Ward fully endorsed and approved of the speech made by Shapurji Saklatvala, Communist member of the British house of commons in defense of the working class of Great Britain and for the independence of India, and is calling upon the workers of Great Britain and the United States to support Shapurji Saklatvala.

It is because of this speech that Shapurji Saklatvala was refused admittance to the United States and the interparliamentary union congress being held at Washington by Secretary of State Kellogg.

The following resolution was adopted by the Battersea Labor Club:

**Approve Saklatvala's Stand.**

"This conference of the rank and file membership of trade union branches and political organizations affiliated to the Battersea Trades Council fully approves of and endorses the fight put up by their parliamentary representative, Comrade Saklatvala, in the house of commons as well as outside the house on behalf

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## **BRITISH RULERS PLAN SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO JAIL COMMUNISTS**

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Daily Mail says that special legislation against Communists is being considered, which would create a new criminal offense.

It is suggested that this could be defined as "attempting to alter the constitution by revolutionary means."

# Battersea Workers Praise Saklatvala

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of the workers of this country and of other nationalities.

"Not only do they themselves appreciate his fearlessness and unequivocal expressions exposing the huge conspiracy against the masses of this country under the misleading sentiments of 'Our empire and our flag,' but they are conscious of the fact that thousands of working class audiences in every part of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland openly addressed by Comrade Saklatvala do the same, and Battersea workers appeal to these comrades in Great Britain that time and circumstances have now arisen to give our approval of these services before the public of Great Britain and America.

## Guarding Workers' Rights.

"This conference feels that Comrade Saklatvala has faithfully and selflessly carried out his special duty of awakening the workers of this country to the grave danger to their social and economic life and freedom by the so-called glorious British empire being run for creating large masses of enslaved and oppressed oriental workers in order to betray and destroy the strength and rights of the British workers.

## Appeal to Workers.

"They renew their full confidence in him, and appeal to the working classes of Great Britain and America to treat with contempt the lies, misrepresentations and misquotations of the British capitalist papers against the esteemed member for North Battersea and to denounce the fierce attack carried upon this true friend of the British people by the British aristocrats seeking to enrich themselves and to drag European and American workers to the coolie level by slinging false hallelujahs to the British empire and the union jack under which the idle rich prosper and the honest workers go by the wall.

"Passed by the Battersea Labor Club, 9 Elms Ward.

"B. W. BAKER, Secretary."

## Cleveland Workers Protest.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 8—Cleveland workers assembled on the public square in this city demanded the admittance of Saklatvala. Speakers representing the Workers Party, Civil Liberties Union, Young Workers League, International Labor Defense and resolutions from the United Irish Republican Societies of Cleveland drew the applause of the gathering.

## Close Relations.

The first speaker, Sadie Amter, pointed out that the exclusion of Saklatvala was an affront to the entire working class of this country, and is

the opening gun in a campaign of discrimination and persecution of foreign-born workers. This act, she declared, made manifest once again, the close relations between the imperialist governments of Great Britain and America and their readiness to unite in the struggle against the workers.

M. C. Harrison representing the Civil Liberties Union, branded the act of Secretary of State Kellogg, as a wanton violation of the constitution. No one can give us liberty, he declared. Liberty is something which we must be able to take.

## Irish Attack Exclusion.

Comrade S. H. Benjamin, chairman of the meeting, read a resolution from the executive body of the United Irish Republican Societies of Cleveland which declares that the action of Secretary of State Kellogg in excluding Saklatvala, was hostile to the interests of organized labor throughout the world, prompted by the agents of British imperialism who are comparable to those now dominating the so-called Free State. The resolution further greets the valiant struggle of Saklatvala in behalf of the exploited masses of Egypt, India, China and particularly for his protest in the British house of commons, against the execution of Irish political prisoners, by the henchmen of British imperialism.

## Futile Attempt by Wall Street.

Comrade I. Amter, branded the exclusion of Saklatvala as a futile attempt by the government of Wall Street to prevent the American workers from learning of the rapid revolutionary development in England. But just as the British workers have learned from the experiences of the Russian workers and peasants that the workers can take power and use it to build a state that will serve the interests of the producers, so too, the workers of America will learn from the British workers that thru political organization, unity and solidarity, they may more effectively defend themselves against the onslaughts of the capitalists. He further pointed out the significance of the action of the recent trade union congress in Scarborough. This action he declared is the consequence of the growing revolutionary crisis in England, resulting from the attempts of the Baldwin government to reduce the already low living standards of the British workers to compete with the colonial workers.

## Unity of All Races.

"Unity of labor of all nations and races is necessary in this moment," declared Amter. The Communists as the militants of the labor movement of the world seeks to arouse the Workers out of their present state of indifference and urge the workers to

realize that this is responsible for the vicious attacks made upon Communists everywhere.

A resolution condemning the exclusion of Saklatvala was then submitted and unanimously passed.

## Appeal to I. L. D.

A. V. Severino, who represented the International Labor Defense called upon the workers to support the efforts of the International Labor Defense to defend the workers who are persecuted because of their activity in behalf of labor.

The meeting was closed by a representative of the Young Workers League, Martin Gordon who warned of the imminence of war which will again kill and cripple large sections of the working class youth.

## New York Workers Protest Exclusion of Saklatvala

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dred other Hungarian Communists by the Horthy government.

"The capitalist press already reports that Rakoski's spine has been broken in a third degree," said Gardes. "That is force and violence. Yet the United States government which shut out Saklatvala has allowed free entry to the representatives of Horthy's white terror parliament."

Benjamin Gitlow, Workers Party candidate for mayor of New York, told of the suppression of free speech in the coal fields, which he had just visited.

"You never hear of the police interfering with speeches by Gary or Morgan, or stopping meetings of a chamber of commerce," he declared. "That is because business controls the government of the United States, its army, and its police. Nevertheless, the socialist party, in its New York municipal platform, includes a demand for a larger police force."

William Weinstone, general secretary of the New York district of the Workers Party, was the final speaker. Weinstone urged the workers to form a united labor front in the present campaign, and a labor party in the immediate future, as a safeguard for their rights as workers.

Resolutions condemning the Horthy government for its treatment of Rakoski were read by Chairman Robert W. Dunn, formerly a relief worker in Russia which were unanimously adopted.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Hungarian ambassador at Washington, the Interparliamentary union, Secretary of State Kellogg, and to Countess Szechenyi, formerly Gladys Vanderbilt.