

# Fascism a Sign of Nearing Revolutionary Crisis, Says Dutt

## UNITING ANTI-FASCIST FORCES CALLED CHIEF TASK OF COMMUNISTS

British Authority on Fascism Cites Methods of Fighting Against It—Representatives from Seven Countries Tell of Struggles

By VERN SMITH

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Aug. 7.—“The blow of fascism is a heavy blow against the working class, but fascism is also a sign of approaching revolutionary crisis, a sign that the latent civil war in modern society is being laid bare,” declared R. Palme Dutt, editor of the British Labor Monthly and author of “Fascism and Social Revolution.”

In a two-hour address to the assembled delegates of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International.

With fascism already holding power in a number of countries, declared Dutt, and with fascism threatening to a greater or less degree every leading country, with the imperialists driving headlong toward war, we cannot afford a single unnecessary mistake, we cannot afford any delay in the building of a mass united front.

### Struggle for Allies

Dutt pointed out that the keynote of the fight between fascism and anti-fascism, at present in a state of preparation for decisive struggle, is in essence the fight for reserves and allies in the majority of the population. Dealing with the social basis of fascism, Dutt pointed out that this was of great importance for our tactics. Dimitroff in his report showed clearly how fascism, despite its glaring actual opposition to the interests of the working masses, nevertheless built up mass influence by the most varied and skillful forms of appeal, stated Dutt. “In our agitation and propaganda we have often neglected this side, contenting ourselves with the easier task of denouncing its open terrorist character, thereby weakening our fight.”

“One of the weaknesses of our agitation and propaganda with regard to fascism in the past period,” said Dutt, “has been that we tended to use the term fascism loosely and to describe any and every reactionary phenomenon all over the world, lumping together the whole camp of the bourgeoisie, almost the entire non-Communist camp as ‘fascist.’ This is not calculated to strengthen the fight against fascism but to weaken it, because in this way we blur a serious understanding of fascism by the workers, who have come to regard the use of the term as a mere catchword of abuse against all the activities of capitalism.”

Dealing with the advance of the bourgeoisie in Britain toward fascism, Dutt declared that Mosley represents to some extent a lightning conductor for the National Government. “The anger of the masses is concentrated on Mosley. The National Government and the reformists point to Mosley as the sole menace. Meanwhile it is able to get

## THE POWERFUL ILLEGAL ANTI-FASCIST PRESS IN NAZI GERMANY



A leading force in guiding and spreading the struggle of all anti-fascist forces in Nazi Germany are the hundreds of illegal newspapers, printed and circulated in the face of the rising terror. The Communist Party of Germany issues and distributes the great majority of these papers. The central organ of the Communist Party is Die Rote Fahne, which is also printed in separate districts of the Party. Einheit is published by the League Against War and Fascism. The Young Communist League of Germany puts out Die Junge Garde. Tribunal is issued by the Red Aid of Germany, with which the Socialist Party in the Brandenburg-Berlin District has joined in united front actions. It must be emphasized that revolutionary workers in Germany do not only distribute the literature and newspapers of their own organizations but carry on the work of distribution in a unified manner and circulate all the anti-fascist publications.

## Soviet Aviators Break Balloon Flight Mark; In Air Fifty-Six Hours

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MOSCOW, Aug. 7.—By remaining in the air 56 hours and five minutes, Soviet aeromats today broke the world record of the American aviator, Lieutenant Settle, who remained 51 hours in the air in a balloon of the same volume in 1933.

The Soviet balloon, with a volume of 18,720 cubic feet, was released over Moscow. It was piloted by Aviator Romano, Babkin, an engineer and physicist, was in the gondola as an observer. The balloon descended three days later, on Aug. 3, in the village of Invanovka, ten miles from the town of Kanash in the Chuvash Autonomous Soviet Republic.

## Strike Stops Sailing of 3 French Ships

Crews of Big Liners Join Fight Against Cut Ordered by Laval

LE HAVRE, France, Aug. 7.—Heading toward a general marine strike, the walk-out of the crews of the Normandie, largest ocean liner in the world, the Lafayette and the Champlain, against the 10 per cent wage-cut ordered by the Laval government, today joined the powerful strike struggles now taking place throughout France.

The departure of the Champlain was definitely cancelled, the crew strategically choosing the hour of sailing to hold an organized protest demonstration and parade. The strike was powerful and complete, even the kitchen staff walking out.

BREST, France, Aug. 7.—An attack by Mobile Guards upon parading strikers today resulted in a sharp struggle at the naval arsenal, where workers on the new battle cruiser Dunquerque stopped work on discovering that troops were concealed in the yards.

## Roosevelt Plan Big Swindle

Johnson and LaGuardia Seek to Stem Strikes Against Coolie Pay

By Carl Reeve

Government figures prove that a gigantic swindle is being perpetrated by the Roosevelt government on the unemployed workers. These figures prove that most of the \$4,800,000,000 appropriated by Congress for unemployment relief is being withheld from the unemployed and diverted to war purposes. Less than sixty thousand of the 3,500,000 promised jobs have been put to work on Works Progress Administration projects. Of these, all but 17,000 are on war projects.

General Hugh Johnson and Mayor LaGuardia are now trying to break the strike of the work relief (W. P. A.) employes in New York City. Johnson and LaGuardia insist that the coolie wage level of Roosevelt must stand.

### A Free Country

“After all we're living in a free country. You can't make anyone work if he doesn't want to work.”

## \$30,000 Quota Is Set For 'Daily' Campaign In New York District

With 80 delegates from its sections participating in the Extraordinary Conference called to lay down a program of action, the New York District of the Communist Party has adopted a quota of \$30,000 in the Daily Worker financial drive. This being as much as the quota of all the other districts in the country put together, the Conference issued a challenge to all the remaining 25 districts collectively.

### Challenges Issued

Great enthusiasm filled the Conference as every section pledged to fill its quota by November 1. New sections challenged old and more entrenched ones, and several sections announced that they would increase their quotas.

“One Day's Wages For The Daily Worker!” was the slogan adopted for New York's part in the drive.

To give the drive added stimulus, the Conference resolved that the New York District of the Party

## Hope Waning To Block War

New Maneuvers Are Planned by Mussolini as Troops Mobilize

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Mussolini's intensified war mobilization following the League of Nations Council sessions has dampened the waning hope here that some compromise could be reached to avert war.

Reports from Port Said, Egypt, entry to the Suez Canal and Red Sea, show that Mussolini has dispatched 240,000 soldiers to the East African colonies already. Just yesterday 75,000 more were conscripted for African service. The number of colonial troops dragooned by the Fascists for war against their own blood brothers has never been fully revealed, but stands in the neighborhood of 200,000.

Rome advices say that military maneuvers by 500,000 Italian soldiers at the Brenner Pass, leading through the Alps to Austria and the rest of Europe, will begin soon in the greatest secrecy. The purpose of these maneuvers are to show

## Polish Fascists Kansas Jobless

## COURT SCENE STORMY AT BREMEN CASE TRIAL; U.S. BACKS NAZI ARREST

Seamen at Washington Demand U. S. Act to Free Simpson

By Simon W. Gerson

In a stormy courtroom, jammed with anti-fascist workers, the walls lined with police reserves, six Bremen defendants went to trial yesterday at the West Side Court. A seventh defendant, Edward Drolette, was in Bellevue Hospital recovering from a bullet wound inflicted by a detective on the night of the great anti-Nazi demonstration.

The battle between the police forces and the scrappy International Labor Defense attorneys, backed up by the crowded courtroom, broke out early in the trial when Assistant District Attorney Morris Brody demanded that Magistrate Thomas A. Aurelio sign a complaint charging the six seamen with “unlawful assemblage” and conspiring to board the Bremen with the deliberate design of tearing down the Nazi swastika. The men are already charged with felonious assault.

Defense counsel Joseph Tauber and Edward Kuntz immediately interposed an objection.

### Oppression Charged

“This is clearly oppression,” Tauber shouted. “I charge that this is nothing more than a conspiracy on the part of the police to keep the defendants in jail under heavy bail.”

Magistrate Aurelio, his face flushed, leaned over towards Tauber, banging his gavel as the hubbub in the courtroom grew. “I'll bring you up before the Appellate Division,” he yelled at Tauber, finally ordering him from the room.

Suddenly an attorney sprang up from a nearby bench.

“I protest against your vicious decision,” he told Aurelio. The courtroom broke out into loud applause at the lawyer's courage. “This is comparable with the courts of Fascist Italy and Germany.” The attorney gave his name as Roy H. Ellison.

### Decision Reversed

Seeing the temper of the courtroom, Aurelio reversed himself and

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Persecutions Grow As N. Y. Thousands Plan Huge Protest

A flagrant denial of free speech and the use of censorship by the Western Union Telegraph Company was disclosed yesterday when a telegram sent Tuesday protesting the arrest of the Bremen demonstrators by the International Workers Order, was returned.

The telegram was sent to Magistrate Brough and demanded the release of the six heroic anti-fascist fighters. It was returned by a Western Union messenger boy, who said the legal department had decided that they could not send the wire.

Filled with horror and anger at the new persecutions of Jews and Catholics that are widening the trail of blood and oppression in Nazi Germany, thousands of workers, Jews, Catholics, Protestants and other opponents of fascism are preparing to pack Madison Square Garden tonight in a powerful protest against the fascist outrages.

### Step to Anti-Nazi Front

The International Workers Order, the Joint Council of the International Pocketbook Makers Union, the Communist Party and many other organizations have called on their members to be present.

Part of the great wave of protest that has swept throughout the world, the meeting tonight will be a step toward the formation of a great nation-wide united front movement against the Nazi terror to embrace all those, regardless of nationality, color, religious or political belief, who oppose Hitler's bloody campaign against the German people.

### List of Speakers

Indicative of the broad, united front character of the meeting, speakers will include Congressman Vito Marcantonio and Amlie; Rabbi Max Maccabee, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Westchester County and Rabbi of the Free Synagogue; Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, former Prussian Minister of Justice; James

### U.S. Navy Acts For 13 Ships

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The new naval building program of the Roosevelt administration got under way today with the opening of bids for the construction of thirteen additional warships.

Bids to the Navy Department call for construction of one light cruiser, one aircraft carrier, three torpedo-boat destroyers of the 1,850-ton class, five destroyers of the

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by with its repressive measures of preparation toward fascism."

Reviewing the new situation in the Social Democracy, Dutt showed that "we need to remove every barrier of misunderstanding to reach the Social-Democratic workers and we need equally to intensify our fight against the ideology of Social Democracy. The future of our struggle depends on our work in winning the majority of the workers to the united front and to revolutionary consciousness and understanding in preparation for the future struggle."

The forenoon session continued with other speakers taking the floor: Comrade Henderson, a Negro worker from South Africa, Comrade Giffon of France and a representative of the Communist Party of Holland.

## French Union Unity Seen

The discussion and speeches dealt with the rousing of mighty pressure of the workers and masses for united front actions. In various countries, particularly in France, important results followed the establishment of the united front and the people's front against fascism, it was shown.

A representative of the Communist Party of France declared that the actual organizational unity of the trade unions in France is certain and will lead to a great strengthening of the united struggle of the working class for democracy, freedom, human rights and defense against the fascist danger.

## Manuisky Praises Engels

In the evening session the delegates celebrated the memory of the 40th anniversary of the death of Friedrich Engels. Dmitri Z. Manuisky of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union rendered a memorial address which received from the Congress an enthusiastic fifteen-minute ovation.

After the deeply impressive speech of Manuisky the Congress was greeted by delegations of Soviet parachute jumpers, by trade union committees, delegations of sportsmen, of Austrian Schutzbunders and Spanish veterans of the October struggles. Former members of the Austrian Social Democracy and functionaries of the Spanish Communist Party greeted the Congress and declared their hopes that there would be found a way to win over the numerous split-up sections of the working class and to establish a united front against fascism.

## Delegates See Parachutists

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MOSCOW, Aug. 7. — Since no session of the Seventh World Congress of the Communist International was held yesterday, all the delegates boarded busses and went to the Tushino Airdrome at Moscow to witness the First All Soviet Meet of Parachutists.

Despite the inclement weather there was a magnificent program of mass and individual parachute jumps, some aviators dropping to within 300 feet of the ground

before opening their parachutes. The chief spectacle was a simultaneous jump of 80 parachutists from three planes. Minov, reputed the best parachutist in the U. S. S. R., and Federova and Kueshova, the best woman parachutists, participated.

The sessions of the World Congress were resumed today.

## Scandinavian Reformism Cited

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MOSCOW, Aug. 7. — "The Scandinavian Socialist Parties are still mass parties." Comrade Lindenroth of Sweden pointed out at yesterday's session of the Comintern's World Congress. "In Sweden and Denmark there are Socialist leaders in the government, which is the basis of the Second International's claim of the possibility of a peaceful way to socialism."

The speaker contrasted the position of the Scandinavian workers under Socialist governments with the situation in the Soviet Union, where socialism is being built up. Lindenroth showed that after three years of northern Socialist governments the position of the workers, the toilers and the unemployed has greatly worsened and the police terror and the reactionary election system has been retained. The Scandinavian Communist Parties last year everywhere led the fight of the working class against capitalist attacks. Under the leadership of the Communist Party the workers have compelled the Socialist governments to withdraw a bill directed against the trade unions, Lindenroth said.

## Icelandic Struggles Reported

Comrade Bjamasson of the Communist Party of Iceland declared that the toilers of Iceland were especially hard hit by the crisis. After the elections the Socialists for the first time entered a coalition government, and despite its promises the crisis intensified and unemployment increased. The Communist Party of Iceland must meet the fascist danger and rally all the forces of the workers and toiling fishermen in the People's Front, and also to popularize the program of a workers' and peasants' government adapted to Icelandic conditions, stated Comrade Bjamasson.

## Esthonian Fascism Grows

The position of the countries bordering on the Soviet Union is especially important in the present complicated situation and the war danger from Hitler's fascism, stated Comrade Kuus of the Communist Party of Esthonia. The Esthonian fascists, the speaker said, have founded their own party, composed in the greater part of war veterans. Their perspective of setting up a class dictatorship has created antagonism even in the bourgeois camp and a sham anti-fascist bourgeois party has set up its own dictatorship, meeting with great resistance from the workers. Kuus stated that the Socialist leaders have repeatedly rejected the Communist Party's united front offers, but in the face of the existing united front with the workers the Socialist leaders are being compelled to take these offers seriously.