

For a United Workingclass Front on May Day!---R. I. L. U.

RED INTERNATIONAL OF LABOR UNIONS CALLS ON WORKERS, WOMEN, YOUNG WORKERS TO RALLY TO REVOLUTIONARY FRONT

The Red International of Labor Unions, world trade union center of the revolutionary workers, has issued the following call to all workers, to participate in the world May First demonstrations:

WORKERS, WOMEN WORKERS, YOUNG WORKERS OF THE WHOLE WORLD!

Comrades! May 1st is approaching—our International Proletarian Day of Struggle against capitalist oppression and violence.

This year May 1st will have special significance in the development of the struggle of the international proletariat for socialism. Never before has the world of rapidly-developing socialism been so sharply counterposed to the world of decaying capitalism. The wave of revolutionary upsurge is rising stormily. In fear of the oncoming revolutions, the bourgeoisie entrusts power to the bitterest enemies of the working class—to the fascists. Never before has the terror against the toiling masses been so fierce, never before has the revolution been so furious. Fascism drowns in blood the towns and villages of the capitalist countries! Fascism is raising its head everywhere.

But, on the other hand, the workers of a number of countries are rising for counter-attack, the workers of France declare a general strike, while the workers in Austria, with rifle in hand, fight against fascist tyranny. Anti-fascist demonstrations are growing in all countries. The bourgeoisie is concentrating all of its forces on suppressing the revolutionary ferment in the masses. The imperialists are preparing a war against one another, they are seizing foreign territories, as was done by Japanese imperialism in China, they are preparing for a counter-revolutionary war against the Soviet Union and are carrying on a war against the toilers of their own countries.

What has fascism brought and what does it bring to the toiling masses? In Germany fascism

promised all to all. What has it really given? Wage cuts, abolition of social insurance, smashing of all working-class organizations, bullets, the hangman's axe and tortures for toilers, and—billions of government funds for trustified capital. The same can be seen in Italy, Poland and other countries.

In the Soviet Union

There is only one country in the world, where there are no fascist organizations and where there can be none, where there is no medieval reaction, because in this country there is no exploitation of Man by man, because in this country capitalism has been uprooted and its last remnants are being eliminated—this is the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. That is why the eyes of all oppressed and downtrodden in the capitalist and colonial countries are turned towards the land of the Proletarian Dictatorship, where the working class firmly holds the power in its hands and builds socialism, despite and against the international bourgeoisie and its reformist lackeys.

And what does international reformism, in the person of the Second and Amsterdam Internationals, do in face of ferocious fascism, reaction and the rage of monopolist capital?

The Amsterdam International, which from the very first days of its existence (1919) waged a fierce struggle against the working class of the U. S. S. R. and socialist construction, which tried to dissuade the workers from the path of revolution, which sabotaged all economic and political action of the working class, this International has shown, by the examples of Germany and Austria, where the policy of the reformist trade union bureaucracy leads.

Role of Amsterdam

Gritting their teeth, with deep hatred in their hearts, the workers of Germany and Austria now remember the policy of their trade union leaders. They have now con-

vinced themselves from their own experience of the degree to which the Red International of Labor Unions was right, when day in and day out it tried to prove that international reformism meant defeat for the working class, that the slogan — "Through Democracy to Socialism" — actually meant—through democracy to fascism, that the trade union bureaucrats fulfilled the social orders of the bourgeoisie, organizing in all countries a fierce struggle against the revolutionary trade union movement.

Workers!

Look at developing events. On the one hand — unemployment, starvation, poverty, suicides, growing prostitution, bloody fascist terror, brutal exploitation — either open or screened by democratic phrases—this is the Dictatorship of Capital, on the other hand—prosperity of the national economy, the absence of unemployment, the growth of culture and improved welfare of the broad masses of workers and toilers—this is the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

The Chinese Soviets

On the one hand—the path of the Second and Amsterdam Internationals, the path of Germany and Austria, on the other hand—the path of the Communist International and the Red International of Labor Unions, the path of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The path of Austria and Germany or the Soviet path—this is how the question is dictated by the course of the class struggle, this is how it is dictated by developing events! Every worker must seriously think over these two paths. It depends upon this—will the working class rapidly march towards victory, towards socialism, or will it suffer defeat after defeat, sacrifice after sacrifice on the altar of the domination of monopolist capital?

The past year was an especially stormy one in the development of

the world revolutionary movement. Side by side with the U. S. S. R., the Soviet Chinese Republic grows and strengthens, uniting one-sixth of the Chinese territory with a population of 50,000,000; the working class of Japan is rising for the struggle against plundering Japanese imperialism—this provocateur of war against the U. S. S. R.; the broad masses of India seethe with hatred; the French proletariat replied with a general strike to the impudent attempts of the fascists to seize the streets; the workers of Austria took up arms, and despite their social-democratic leaders and the strikebreaking policy of the trade union bureaucrats, heroically fought against the strong forces of the enemy; the workers of Germany carry on a relentless struggle against the bloody fascist reaction; the workers of Spain, by means of continuous gigantic strikes, shake the bourgeois-landowning dictatorship, which is covered by the banner of the Socialist Party. The working class of Cuba came forward in the struggle against its foreign and native exploiters, the workers of the U. S. A., England, Poland, the Balkan countries, of distant Australia and Canada, are rising for the struggle against the dictatorship of capital, against fascism and imperialist war.

For Soviet Power

The higher the wave of revolutionary resentment and wrath amongst the masses, the lower do the reformists bow their heads to the power of capital! Open betrayals and left cunning maneuvers—such is their policy in face of growing fascism and the menace of war.

However, in spite of thousands upon thousands of betrayals and open going over of the most outstanding leaders of the German social-democracy and trade union bureaucrats of Austria to the camp of the fascists, despite the daily and hourly betrayals on the part of the trade union bureaucrats—in England, France, the U. S. A., in

Czechoslovakia and other countries, there are millions of proletarians who still have faith in the social-democracy and the reformist trade union bureaucrats, who still listen to them and wait for "democratic" socialism to rid them of poverty, starvation and misery. However, they wait in vain. International reformism up till now has not brought anything except defeat, and cannot bring anything else to the working class, and woe betide those who rest their hopes in the traitors, who brought the working class of Germany and Austria to such unprecedented disaster.

Workers! May First this year must be turned into a monster demonstration of the power and force of the oppressed and exploited masses! By means of meetings and demonstrations, by means of mass political strikes, the workers of the whole world must manifest their will to fight against fascism and imperialist war, against capitalism, for Soviet power, for Socialism!

All Out May 1

Members of reformist trade Unions! Do not listen to those who will try to dissuade you from demonstrating on May First! It is these same people who dissuade you from the struggle against fascism, only for the purpose of handing you over, bound hand and foot, to the fascist murderers. It is these same people who try to set you against the revolutionary workers, it is these same people who smash the united front of the workers in order to establish the united front with the capitalists and landlords.

Do not listen to those, who, instead of struggle, call on you to bow your heads to the unbridled fascist beast, who propose to you to beat back the attacks of monopolist capital by peaceful means, who call on you to rest all your hopes in bourgeois democracy and "democratic" socialism!

Do not listen to them! They lie and lead you to defeat. Remember the fighters on the

Vienna barricades, who could have won if it had not been for the social-democracy, if the trade union leaders had not dealt them a blow in the back, if it had not been for the trade union leaders who broke the general strike, when the workers came out with arms in their hands against their enemies.

Workers, who by force and hunger have been driven into the fascist unions! Remember that May First is not a holiday for the unification of labor and capital, but is a day for labor to struggle against capital, a day of struggle against the fascist murderers, against the fascist agents of trustified capital, against the instigators of imperialist war.

It is a day when the workers must manifest their class unity, their will to fight!

For the United Front

It is a day on which the alarm must be sounded in all factories, at all mills, in all workers' districts:

For the united front over the heads of the strikebreaking leaders, for the struggle against capital! Unity of action for the struggle against fascism and imperialist war! The united front for the struggle against dismissals, against wage cuts, for higher wages! For state unemployment insurance! The united front for the liberation of the prisoners of capitalism. For the united front between the workers of the imperialist countries and the toiling masses of the colonies; for the independence of the colonial countries! For the united front in action, in mass demonstrations, in all battles against fascism, against imperialist war, for the U. S. S. R., for Soviet China, for the Soviet Power throughout the world!

Down with bloody fascism and its reformist agents!

Down with Japanese imperialism—seizer of Chinese territories!

Down with the Amsterdam International, the organizer of the defeat of the working class!

Long live the Red International of Labor Unions!