

Solidarity with the Working Masses of India.

The following message has been sent by the All-China Federation of Labour to the All-Indian Trade Union Congress.

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Dear comrades:

On behalf of the Chinese proletariat the All-China Federation of Labour extends its most cordial fraternal greetings to the brave Indian working masses, who are engaged in a life-and-death struggle with British imperialism, and declares that the revolutionary Chinese workers and peasants, who are fighting under the White Terror regime of the imperialistic powers and the Kuomintang for the creation of a Soviet China, will side with you against British imperialism, against the Indian bourgeoisie and landlords, and against the agents of British imperialism—Gandhi, Nehru, and company. We will do our best to support and defend the Indian Revolution. The Chinese working class is watching your gallant struggle with keen interest and profound sympathy, for your victory is also our victory and your defeat would be a defeat for the working class of the whole world.

The Indian Revolution has entered upon a period of high tide, and the struggle between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat for the leadership of the revolution is culminating in a decisive and grim battle. We do not doubt you are perfectly aware that the so-called "civil disobedience" movement sponsored by Gandhi, Nehru and other representatives of the Indian national bourgeoisie, is to sidetrack, retard, and finally crush the Indian Revolution. Already early in the course of the Indian Revolution these "gentlemen" of the All-India National Assembly have betrayed the Indian toiling masses and gone over to the camp of British imperialism and the Indian bourgeoisie and landlords. If the Indian proletariat fails to set up its militant leadership in the present sharp and bitter struggle the Indian Revolution will be sold out by these lackeys of the Indian national bourgeoisie.

Dear workers of India. You must realize that only a ruthless and tenacious fight on your part under the banner of the Communist International and the Red International of Labour Unions against the hypocritical phrases and demagogic gestures of the national bourgeoisie can bring the Indian Revolution to a successful conclusion. We venture to state that the exposure and combatting of the cheating propaganda of Gandhi, Nehru and their associates, together with the strengthening of the leadership of the Indian proletariat, is the immediate task of the Indian Revolution and of the revolutionary Indian labour movement.

At the same time we wish to avail ourselves of the opportunity to point out that even up to the present moment many henchmen of the bourgeoisie still remain in the ranks of the All-India Trade Union Congress. This is harmful and dangerous in the extreme. In order to guarantee the victory of the Indian Revolution and in order to strengthen the leadership of the Indian proletariat, it is imperatively necessary to drive these hirelings of British imperialism and of the Indian bourgeoisie out of the All-India Trade Union Congress, thus extending the organization and political influence of Red unionism.

In addition to utilizing the imperialist "Labour" government to suppress with armed forces the revolutionary movement in the colonial countries, British imperialism is also intensifying its reformist campaign in the Far East through the instrumentality of the Socialist & Labour International and the International Federation of Trade Unions. The proposal of Ioshi and Bunji Suzuki at the recent session of the International Labour Office for the holding of a "Pan-Asiatic Labor Congress" is an unmistakable indication of the activity of the Second International and the Amsterdam International of Trade Unions. Our best reply to the Social Fascists is to fight shoulder to shoulder under the leadership of the Red International of Labour Unions and the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat against reformism and yellow unionism.

The bourgeoisie is our deadly enemy. The Indian Nationalist Party under the direction of Gandhi is just like the Kuomintang of China. Both are the tools of imperialism. We must not have the slightest illusion towards Gandhi. On the contrary, we must oppose him in order to guarantee the victory of the revolution.

Your sole reliable ally is the Indian peasantry, with whom you must create a united front so that you may be able to defeat British imperialism and the Indian bourgeoisie and their agents.

The tremendous revolutionary movement in India has brought to light the outrages and brutality of imperialist administration in the colonial countries. It has decisively exposed the fascist character of the so-called "Labour" Government and has unmasked the treacherous role of Gandhi, Nehru and their kind as representatives of the national bourgeoisie. It has accelerated the revolutionary development of the world-proletariat and the revolutionary anti-imperialist campaign in the colonies. The development of the Indian Revolution has imposed heavier tasks upon the Indian working class. We are confident that the brave Indian proletariat, in close alliance with the peasantry, will successfully fulfil its historic mission by fighting together hand-in-hand with the world proletariat and the oppressed peoples of the colonies against imperialism, the bourgeoisie and the landlords. In the very near future the red banner of the Soviet will fly over India and all over the world.

The broad masses of Chinese workers and peasants are fighting bravely under the militant leadership of the Chinese Communist Party for the creation of a Soviet China and have already succeeded in creating many Soviet districts in several provinces. A Soviet China will overthrow the regime of the Kuomintang and fulfil the great tasks of the Chinese Revolution. Dear Indian comrades. Let us fight together hand-in-hand with the international proletariat for a Soviet world.

Dear Indian workers. You are not isolated in your struggle against imperialism. You have on your side the world proletariat, the oppressed peoples and the fatherland of the world proletariat — the Soviet Union — all fighting together for the overthrow of imperialism and the completion of the world Socialist revolution.

Down with British imperialism and all the imperialist powers!

Down with the reformist swindles of the Indian national bourgeoisie!

Consolidate the front of Red unionism!

Long live the victorious Indian Revolution!

Long live Soviet India!

(Signed) The All-China Federation of Labour.