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A German MAY DAY Appeal

Under Hitler The Nation Of Well-Fed Triumphs Over Nation Of Starving!

FORWARD ON MAY DAY

THE First of May, the great day of international working-class solidarity, lies only a few days ahead. In every factory, trade union branch, and at every Labour Exchange, the preparations for celebrating May Day should now be driving ahead with the maximum speed and energy, in order to ensure that May 1, 1933, will witness the mighty power and strength of the working-class mobilised in great mass demonstration on the streets throughout the length and breadth of the land.

May Day this year will take place in a situation of raging capitalist crisis wherein the whole capitalist world is going forward to gigantic upheavals. The desperate efforts of the capitalists to find a way out of the crisis—bringing an enormous accentuation of mass poverty and misery to the workers and toilers, and pushing to the forefront the horrors of new imperialist wars.

It is becoming ever clearer to the great mass of the workers that capitalism has nothing to offer them but hunger and starvation, growing Fascist terror and murder, imperialist war and criminal armed intervention against the U.S.S.R., the international citadel of all workers and oppressed toilers where Socialism is being built up.

REVOLUTIONARY CLASS STRUGGLE GROWING

In all countries the revolutionary class struggle is tempestuously sweeping up, and taking on ever sharper forms. Under the leadership of the Communist International the million strong army of the working-class is rapidly forging the revolutionary united front in the fight against capitalist dictatorship.

In Germany where Fascist rule has been installed with the help of the treacherous Social-Democracy, the German working-class led by the Communist Party is fighting back against the Nazi murder-gangs with increasing vigour and determination.

Here in Britain the working-class is showing its growing strength in the numerous class battles being waged against the robber capitalists, winning victories in the teeth of the sabotage and disruption exercised by the reformist Labour leaders. Striding out with resolute steps along the path of revolutionary class struggle, the workers are turning more and more towards the Communist Party.

May 1 can, and must be made, a day of mighty working-class demonstration and solidarity, a challenging manifestation of the inflexible and determined will of the workers to carry the struggle forward, their ranks united in action, against the capitalist offensive, against wage-cuts and starvation, imperialist war and anti-Soviet intervention.

Every revolutionary worker should strain nerve and muscle to organise the fighting united working-class front on the streets on May Day. Let May 1 see the masses in Britain pouring on to the streets in millions, demonstrating brotherly solidarity with our class comrades on the Continent, in the Colonies, and in every land.

REFORMIST LEADERS SABOTAGE FIGHT

The reformist leaders of the Labour Party and the T.U.C. have set themselves against working-class unity and the May 1 demonstrations. By their deeds they help forward the capitalist hunger drive, and seek to cloak over the imperialist war preparations by the use of pacifist phrases.

At the very moment when new attacks on the workers are threatening, when Japan is waging war on China, when the Hunger and War Government of Britain imposes its anti-Soviet trade embargo and the forces of Fascism and reaction are being everywhere mobilised against the working-class, these reformist leaders openly sabotage workers' unity and stand forth as the upholders of capitalist "democracy," and the terrible slavery it stands for.

The bankrupt capitalist system has nothing to give the workers but starvation and slaughter. Against it the struggle of the working-class must be intensified, the urgent immediate demands of the workers raised and fought for, and the fight for its complete overthrow carried fearlessly forward.

The workers of the Soviet Union have shown the way. Let us determine to organise the united front of class struggle, rally the millions of workers in the factories, unions, and working-class organisations together with the unemployed, and make May Day, 1933, an outstanding historic event in the forward march of the working-class on the road to proletarian victory.

CO-OPERATIVE YOUTH FOR UNITED FRONT

Executive Decision After Easter Conference

AT the National Executive meeting of the British Federation of Co-operative Youth, held on the day following their second National Conference, at Kettering, on the week-end of April 16 and 17, a decision was taken to join with the Young Communist League and I.L.P. Guild of Youth in united front action.

The Conference heard a fraternal delegate from the united front committee, who was well received by the delegates, and the decision to participate in the united front was made by the Executive following the Conference.

This decision is of far-reaching importance, not only to the working-class youth, but also to the whole development of united front action.

The British Federation of Co-operative Youth have a membership of close upon 6,000 organised in over 170 Co-operative Comrades' Circles throughout the country.

Many members of the organisation are active in the trade unions, unemployed, and other sections of the movement, and by participation in united front action upon the immediate issues in the present situation, can greatly assist in carrying forward the struggle for the defence of the interests of the youth in the present capitalist offensive.

Particularly can the members of the Co-operative youth movement play a big part in the campaign against the embargo by the National Government upon Soviet imports into this country, which is part of British capitalism's preparations for armed intervention upon the Soviet Union.

The National United Front Committee greatly welcome this decision and will as speedily as possible carry out discussions with representatives of the Federation of Co-operative Youth on how they can throw their whole weight into united front activities.

Great progress is also being made in breaking down the decision of the Labour League of Youth leadership against participation in the united front.

From reports received more than one-third of the membership have either decided for, or are actually taking part in, united front activities.

Members of the National Administrative

Council and members of the divisional councils, particularly from the industrial areas, are wholeheartedly in favour of the united front.

In 20 different areas branches of the Labour League of Youth have discussed the question of the united front and voted in support of it.

The big question, however, is for our Y.C.L. comrades to intensify their activities among the mass membership of the Labour League of Youth.

Too much reliance is placed upon correspondence and nothing more.

FLAG-WAVING, torchlight processions, grand parades—these are the means with which Hitler, Hugenberg and Papen announce the inauguration of the "Third Empire." Seventeen million Nazi electors believe that the day of their emancipation from years of misery and slavery has come. They celebrate the "emancipation of the nation" which has been achieved by the "national revolution."

But look around and you will see that under Hitler's Government the nation of the well-fed triumphs over the nation of the starving.

Hitler has not repealed a single one of Papen's and Bruening's hunger decrees. Instead of increasing the meagre unemployment benefit, he reduces it still further under the cloak of "reorganising" the unemployment insurance.

Work? Yes, for the Nazi bureaucrats, who formerly made such an outcry about the jobs in the State apparatus being given only to members of the Social-Democratic Party, but have now secured soft jobs for themselves.

New police and government presidents, new mayors and town councillors without end, but for you there is left unpaid, forced labour on a diet of potatoes and herring.

LOOK AROUND YOU, SMALL SHOP-KEEPERS AND ARTISANS!

No reduction of the unbearable taxes on small businesses, but remission and cancellation of the taxes on luxurious motor-cars. Hitler has expressly guaranteed full protection of the big stores.

Nothing is done to the rich Jews, but the working-class anti-Fascists are mishandled and tortured.

Under the Fascist flag the number of those who could buy your goods and provide you with work by placing orders with you is becoming ever less, as heavy customs duties are further reducing the purchasing power of the masses.

LOOK AROUND YOU, WORKING PEASANTS!

The agrarian policy of the Hitler Government does not benefit you, but only the rich junker, who pockets the enormous profits from the customs duties and the millions provided by the East-Elbian Relief.

Who benefits now, when a pound of margarine costs 25 pennings more? Not you, and not the worker, but the owners of the big estates.

Your exorbitant ground rents and outgoings remain. The price of fodder is rising.

Acting on the orders of the financiers and trust magnates, the Reichstag has passed an Enabling Act. Not only the national Socialists, but also the Centre, the big capitalists in the German People's party, and even the coupon-clippers in the State party have given the Hitler Government full powers.

The Communist deputies, the only spokesmen of the working people, are forcibly removed from all governing bodies, while the

A vigorous call for May Day is sounded in this appeal of the German Communist Party, issued at the end of March.

The picture above shows our imprisoned Comrade THAELMANN, leader of the German Communist Party, speaking at the May Day demonstration in Berlin last year.

Social-Democratic Party are a miserable picture of the most shameful capitulation.

Has Hitler caused the Enabling Act to be passed in order to fulfil his national and social promises?

Did he demand full powers in order to tear up the reparations treaties, to appropriate the kings of the Stock Exchange, to repeal the starvation decrees?

Nothing of the kind, but, instead, a Balkan terror against the only party of freedom, special courts and gallows for sincere anti-Fascists, shattering of the trade unions and fighting organisations, destruction of collective agreements and the whole of the social welfare institutions, compulsory labour for the unemployed, gigantic subventions for the capitalists and junkers, insane armaments.

It was for this that Hitler obtained full powers.

And this is what they call national emancipation? It is nothing else but an attempt to save dying capitalism from decline, an attempt to bar with blood and iron the only way out from the crisis of capitalist collapse.

Under the swastika flag the people are sighing under the slave-fetters of the Versailles reparations system.

Hitler promises punctual payment of the debts to the foreign capitalists. The proletarian revolution will annul these promises, tear up the tribute pact and break the slave yoke of the German and foreign financial magnates.

Under the swastika the junkers cheat the working peasants of the fruits of their labour. The proletarian revolution will appropriate the junkers and give the land to the poor peasants.

Members of the Red Trade Union Opposition, whether prohibited or not, strengthen the R.T.U.O.! Enter the reformist and Christian Trade Unions in masses in order to develop the mass power of the Trade Unions against Fascism and social reaction!

WORKERS OF GERMANY, TRADE UNIONISTS!

It is only a few days to Red May Day, 1933. At the behest of the capitalists the Fascist leaders and their representatives in the factories will attempt to suppress the Socialist will to the freedom of the German working-class by bloody terror against the Red May Day, by unbounded demagoguery, by a "holiday" and festivals, to make use of the Socialist traditions of the working-class, for a "German May Day," in order to glorify Fascist capitalist exploitation.

Prevent the desecration of your fighting day! Form unity committees in preparation for May Day!

Decide to abstain from work as a protest against Fascist terror, social reaction; and, in place of the Fascist unity of the people with the exploiters, put forward in factory meetings your class struggle demands for bread and work, against the shameful Versailles system and the capitalist exploiters in your own country!

Long live the anti-Fascist united front of the German working-class for the defence of freedom of organisation, combination and the right to strike!

Long live Socialism!

Long live a Germany without junkers and capitalists, a Germany of emancipated labour, the German workers' and peasants' republic, the dictatorship of the proletariat!

Central Committee of the
Communist Party of Germany

BERLIN, March 30, 1933.

THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS

BERLIN, Monday. — Further outrages against Jews are reported. During the night persons who have not been identified broke into the residence of a Jew named Cassel, in Wiesbaden, and shot him dead, riddling his body with bullets.

Entry was also forced at pistol point into the house of a Jew named Rosenstrauch, who fell dead from shock.—Exchange Telegraph.

A Worker's Notebook

Comrades Of The Nazis

A MAN is known by his friends. One news item connected with the turn to England of the convicted and deported Metropolitan-Vickers' engineers deserves rather more prominent record than it has received in the capitalist newspapers. For, when Monkhouse, Nordwall, Cushing and Gregory arrived at Berlin last Saturday they were met, not only by officials of the British Embassy, but by official Nazi representatives.

The Metro-Vickers' engineers, with the British diplomats standing smiling by, listened to an address by a representative of the Nazi "technical auxiliary service."

The Nazi greeted Monkhouse and Company as "comrades who have gone through similar experiences in Moscow, as the Nazis have in Germany, where, at last, Communist terrorism is broken."

I think comment is unnecessary.

The "Express," Moscow And Meerut

LAST Thursday's "Daily Express," editorially commending the Government for imposing the anti-Soviet embargo, declared that the "travesty of a trial is not an isolated instance of Russian barbarism."

In the same issue the society columnist writes:—

"Now that the Government have expressed, promptly and practically, their disapproval of the Moscow convictions, I wonder if they will turn their attention to a case that is more intimately their concern; Meerut.

"It was a month or two ago that incredibly savage sentences were pronounced, after a trial which would have been considered highly irregular in an English court, on three Englishmen and a number of Indians who were alleged to have expressed views which would be highly respectable in England.

"The charges against one at least of the Meerut prisoners was insignificant compared with the Moscow charges; the sentences were far heavier.

"The Moscow prisoners were allowed bail; the Meerut prisoners were not.

"And in contrast with the expeditiousness of the Moscow trial, the Meerut prisoners were kept waiting for nearly four years, in the heat and squalor of an Indian jail, before their case was heard."

The Pacifists Of Burnley

THE following report, in a local paper, of the last monthly meeting of the Burnley branch of the League of Nations Union, is a classic instance of the confusion and futility of pacifism:—

Mr. J. Rothman raised the subject of the arrest of the British engineers in Moscow, and said that during the past few weeks there had been a very serious tension created between Great Britain and Russia owing to the forthcoming trial. He thought that they ought to express in some way their apprehension of the danger of war owing to the seriousness of the matter.

The secretary, Mr. Alec Clegg, remarked that he was very doubtful as to whether there was any danger at all, and he thought that the less they worried about the matter the less danger there would be.

The Chairman (the Rev. F. T. Buckingham) said he agreed very largely with Mr. Rothman's point of view, and there was danger with regard to ourselves and Russia, but it was doubtful as to whether they could do anything useful.

Fascists Half-Price

A NEWS AGENCY reports the following story of the visit of 12 British Black-shirts to Rome with Sir Oswald Mosley:—

Two young British Fascists entered a shop. "How much?" they asked of a certain article.—"Twenty lire," replied the shopkeeper.

"We are Fascists."—"Fifteen lire."

"British Fascists."—A pause.

"Are British Fascists against the Jews?"

The two young men were asked.

"No," they replied.

"Ten lire," decided the shopkeeper.

Not Against The Jews?

The statement that the Fascists in Britain are not against the Jews seems to me highly dubious. Anti-Semitism is such an integral part of Fascist demagoguery.

And I have before me a series of scurrilous "stickers," emanating from Fascist sources, which square ill with this statement.

These "stickers" include the following legends:—

"The 'Red Flag' is a JEW flag."

"Do you know that Bolshevism is JEWISH?"

"When Edward the First expelled the JEWS, Britain found her soul!"

"The war was arranged by JEWS. So was the peace!" (as good an example of making the best of both worlds, as one could see!)

"BEWARE! This is JEW-CON-TROLLED."

And so on and so forth.

Two Birthdays

TO-DAY is the birthday of two notable men, one a figure of history, the other still living.

On April 25, 1599, Oliver Cromwell was born. Readers will recollect the extracts from his speech dissolving the Long Parliament given in this column a few days ago.

Cromwell was the greatest figure in the geo-democratic revolution in

and one of the very greatest revolutionaries in all history.

On the same day, in 1874, was born Marconi, the inventor and perfecter of wireless telegraphy.

CRAMLINGTON MINER INJURED

As a result of having been caught by a

fall of stone on Saturday, Charles Webber,

of Airship Cottages, Cramlington, a miner

employed at West Cramlington Colliery, was

admitted to Newcastle Infirmary suffering

from injuries to the hand.

If The New Blasphemy Bill Becomes Law!



NOTHING DOING!