

Foster Urges Trade Unions Aid Thälmann

Anti-Nazi Struggle Is Fight of All Trade Unionists

NEW YORK.—The fight for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, longshoreman and leader of the revolutionary workers of Germany, is the fight of every trade unionist, the Trade Union Unity League declares in a ringing call for mass defense of Thaelmann, signed by William Z. Foster, General Secretary of the League and foremost labor leader in the United States. The Call, issued to all trade unions and trade unionists, follows:

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To all Trade Unions and Trade Unionists.

Brothers:

The attempt on the part of the Nazi government to guillotine Ernst Thaelmann, the leader of the revolutionary workers of Germany, is a challenge to every trade unionist, to every worker, not alone in Germany but in the entire world, including the United States.

Fascist Forces in U. S. Support Hitler

All the reactionary forces in this country support the Hitler terror regime. The reactionary and fascist forces in this country are giving full support to Hitler and his Nazi agents in this country.

All revolutionary workers, all class conscious workers, all trade union-

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ists, all those who oppose fascism, must rally to the support of the anti-fascist fighters in Germany. They must rally to the support for the fight for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann.

German Workers Opposed to Hitler

Why is the Hitler government attempting to murder Ernst Thaelmann? Because the Hitler regime has not been able to subject the workers of Germany to its rule despite terror and murder, despite the suppression of the trade unions. The recent elections in the shop councils in Germany have shown the whole world that the German workers remain true to their class, that they are opposed to Hitler. The extent to which the mass struggles of the workers are rising is evidenced in the courage displayed by the workers in voting against the Hitler lists in the shop council elections.

The attempt to murder Ernst Thaelmann is an attempt to crush the rising anti-fascist struggles of the workers which are being organized and led by the Party of which Ernst Thaelmann is the leader—the Communist Party.

Why have the Hitlerites selected Thaelmann for their class vengeance, as their victim? Because Ernst Thaelmann, a worker, a longshoreman, is the beloved and recognized leader not of the Communists alone but of the mass of German revolutionary workers and of increasing numbers of those who formerly followed the leaders of the social democracy.

**Thaelmann, Leader of Fight on
Fascism**

Thaelmann, the Communist, like Communist Party, is today the leader of the fight of all those who are against fascism, all those who are against reaction, misery and the culture of the Middle Ages. For Thaelmann and his Party symbolize the fight for freedom, the fight for a new world, the workers' world.

**The Fight for Thaelmann, Is
Fight against Fascism**

The freedom of Thaelmann, which can be forced from the Hitler beasts just as it was forced in the case of Dimitroff and his colleagues, will not only hearten the anti-fascist fighters in Germany, but will be a blow to the growing reaction and fascism in this country, as already shown in the murder of the workers in Toledo, California, New Orleans and Birmingham, in the wave of lynching of Negro toilers that is sweeping the country.

Fellow trade unionists! Take up the fight for the freedom of Thaelmann!

The fight for Thaelmann is the fight for all anti-fascist fighters in the Hitler concentration camps!

The fight for Thaelmann is the fight for all those who opposes fascism!

The fight for Thaelmann is the fight against reaction and fascism in the United States!

Pass protest resolutions; send telegrams and delegations to the German consulates!

Let us rise with one mighty voice backed by demonstrations, actions, and strikes!

We demand the freedom of our class brothers, Ernst Thaelmann!

National Executive Board,
Trade Union Unity League.
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER,
General Secretary.