

The R. I. L. U. to the Eighth All-India Congress of Trade Unions.

The Executive Bureau of the R. I. L. U. on behalf of the revolutionary trade union movement of all countries sends cordial and fraternal greetings to the Eighth Trade Union Congress and the whole working class of India, and wishes for success in the struggle against the alien and native oppressors.

The Trade Union Movement in India is rapidly developing, the class consciousness of the wide proletarian masses is growing, as well as the proletarian solidarity in the economic and political struggle against the oppressors. There are tremendous tasks confronting the working class of India. The struggle against imperialism and colonial oppression, begun by the workers and peasants in the U. S. S. R., China, Indonesia, can be successfully accomplished only by the efforts of the working class throughout the world, and particularly of the proletariat in the colonial countries. The role of the Indian proletariat in this struggle must be particularly great.

In this struggle against the alien oppressors and the national exploiters, the working class of India and its trade unions may always count on the aid of the Red International of Labour Unions and of all its sections. This constitutes the very distinction between the R. I. L. U. and the reformist Amsterdam International which is permeated with the imperialist spirit, whilst the former has at all times supported the struggle of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples for Independence.

There was particularly clearly revealed the distinction between the imperialist policy of the Amsterdam International and the revolutionary policy of the R. I. L. U. in the course of the bitter struggle of the Chinese proletariat against imperialism and the internal counter-revolution. Whilst the R. I. L. U. did all in its power to help the Chinese Revolution, the Amsterdam International did not lift a finger to help the Chinese proletariat in its hard struggle. The denial of aid to the Chinese workers and peasants was tantamount to helping the world imperialists and the Chinese counter-revolution.

The Executive Bureau of the R. I. L. U. is profoundly convinced that the trade unions of India will be able to determine who are the enemies and who are the friends of the exploited classes and oppressed peoples and that the working class of India will march shoulder to shoulder with those who have placed upon their banner the unity of the world trade union movement. The overthrow of the imperialist domination, and the independence of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples.

Long live the working class of India!

Long live the Unity of the World Trade Union Movement!

**Executive Bureau, Red International of
Labour Unions.**

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