

APPEALS

**To the Working Youth of all
Countries!**

To the Adult Working Class!

Comrades!

A number of fresh acts of violence must again show you
whither international capitalism is steering. The restoration
of the shattered capitalist system of profit for the benefit of a

handful of powerful people is to be attained through the complete enslavement of the working class and the bloody suppression of its struggle. For two years reaction has been raging in all countries and *today it has launched a fresh attack.*

The 8th international Youth Day was the signal for an international offensive against the Communist Youth movement.

In Poland the government has started the most furious persecution against the movement of the proletarian youth and has arrested hundreds of young Communists.

In Paris a powerful armed force was brought into action against the Communist Youth Day; a whole section of the city was placed under martial law; the demonstration was mercilessly suppressed with armed force and a number of members of the League of Communist Youth were condemned to *many months imprisonment* solely on the ground of their having taken part in the demonstration.

In democratic Ebert-Germany also, in the domain of the Social Democratic president, were heard the shots fired by the police troops upon the peaceful "demonstration of the youth, and *one dead young worker and several injured remained on the street.*

In Horthy Hungary, immediately after the Youth Day, the government of the white terror prepared to strike a general blow, and *60 young workers were cast into the hideous Horthy prisons*, where they are confronted with a fearful fate.

In Lettland, a period of cruel persecutions against the proletarian youth movement has set in. The government arrested 100 members of the proletarian youth organizations.

In Italy the offensive of the Fascisti has set in against every organization of the youth, which up to now have remained uninjured in the struggle against reaction.

The most insolent stroke was accomplished by the forces of reaction in Czecho-Slovakia.

In Czecho-Slovakia, the Youth Day had already been subjected to the sharpest persecution of the government, because the Communist youth had ventured to oppose *the militarism and the war-lust of the bourgeois republic.* Yet scarcely a month after the Youth Day, immediately before the calling up of recruits, the government prepared a fatal blow against the hated Youth League. In a perfectly illegal and unconstitutional manner it declared it to be dissolved, and a whole army of gendarmes, police, detectives, commissars in one day and night pounced upon all the organizations, robbing, plundering and arresting masses of the Communist youth and destroying the organization.

Comrades! Young Workers!

Will you wait until your organizations are destroyed and your comrades in prison? Follow the call of the International Communist Youth, *gather together for the united front of the masses for the struggle against reaction!*

Adult Workers!

Will you permit your youth to be arrested and enslaved? The white terror begins with the youth, but it will reach you! Repel the attacks against the youth as if they were directed against you!

Socialist Youth!

Will you mutely look on at this new offensive against your young revolutionary brothers, whose whole crime consists in being opposed to war and militarism, to white terror and exploitation? *Will you defend the counter-revolutionary criminals against Soviet Russia, but not your revolutionary brothers?*

The Communist youth of all countries should also learn a lesson from the new campaign of the bourgeoisie. They must keep in mind that *they live in a world of enemies and that the sword which is intended against them is already being forged in the dark and may at any moment strike them.* Close your ranks firmly and strongly, build up your organizations among the masses of the working youth so surely and firmly rooted, that no base act of violence on the part of the bourgeoisie shall be able to rob the working youth of their leader: the Communist Youth Organization.

Youthful and Adult Workers of all Countries!
The Reaction is Advancing More and More!
Close the United Front of Resistance!
Fight the Reaction!
Long Live the Communist Youth Movement!

The Executive Committee of the Communist Youth International.
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