

## TEN YEARS OF THE COMINTERN

### Appeal of the R. I. L. U.

On the Tenth Anniversary of the Communist International.

To all Affiliated R. I. L. U. Organisations.

The beginning of March will mark the Tenth Anniversary of the existence of the Comintern. During these ten years the Comintern and its local sections have been struggling unrelentingly against predatory capital to free the proletariat from oppression and exploitation, against opportunism and reformism which have betrayed working class interests all along the line.

Its ideas and slogans of the Third Communist International have penetrated practically all corners of the globe, helping to weld together and organise workers and women workers against the capitalist offensive, against imperialism and colonial oppression. This struggle has played a stupendous role in the history of the development of the revolutionary trade union movement. Revolutionary trade unions and revolutionary oppositions are constantly working in close collaboration with the sections of the Comintern. The members of the Communist Party are, and have been, the foremost organisers of the working class and its economic organisations — the trade unions. The finest elements in the ranks of the Communist Party have laid down their lives, have given all their strength, energy and enthusiasm to the struggle against Capital. The Tenth Anniversary of the Comintern is a historic revolutionary date, which must be noted by workers everywhere and by all who are oppressed and exploited.

R. I. L. U. adherents must now take active part in the Tenth Anniversary campaign organised by the Comintern and its sections.

According to the plan elaborated, the Tenth Anniversary of the Comintern will be celebrated between March 5 and May 1. During this period the following campaigns will also be carried out: March 8 — Anniversary of Paris Commune. Furthermore on March 10 an Anti-Fascist Congress will be held which must likewise focus the attention of the workers at large. These campaigns must be conducted under the following slogans: "Class against Class", to counter the reformist slogan of class collaboration. To struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat throughout the world, and in its name to struggle for unity of the broad working masses. To fight against the new war danger and to transform a war, should it arise, into a class war, into a civil war. To mobilise the workers everywhere around the slogan: Defend the U.S.S.R., as the centre and stronghold of the world revolution. To struggle against the continual onslaught of the bourgeoisie in the economic field and against the withering influence of the reformists and their treacherous scabbing. To urge the united front between workers in town and village in all countries, and an alliance between the toiling peasantry and the oppressed peoples in the colonial and semi-colonial countries.

We must take active part in organising the Tenth Anniversary Celebrations of the Comintern. The Party organisations must be assisted in every way in carrying out Agitational Evenings, Meetings, placing at their disposal available clubs, premises, choir, musical, dramatic and sport circles, doing all in our power to get the rank and file in the unions to attend the meetings and gatherings organised to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Comintern. At the meetings organised for the Tenth Anniversary of the Comintern besides the report of the Party short addresses should be made on the revolutionary trade union movement, the achievements and weakness of the given R. I. L. U. section, pointing out the role of the Comintern in revolutionising the trade union movement, laying bare all the mistakes and errors of opportunism in the T. U. movement.

This campaign must be conducted so that the maximum organisational results shall be received and our organisations be strengthened and extended. A campaign must be developed to recruit new members in the revolutionary unions in those countries where the T. U. movement is divided. Our slogans must be: Not a Single Member of the Party, Not a Single Member of the Young Communist League must remain outside the revolutionary unions. Each member of the Party, each class-

conscious member of the revolutionary unions and the Y. C. L. must be charged to recruit a certain number of unorganised workers in the unions to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Comintern. In those countries where the T. U. movement is undivided, a broad campaign must be conducted to elucidate the fundamental decisions of the R. I. L. U., urging the masses to line up in the unions in order to strengthen the revolutionary T. U. opposition.

The recruiting campaign must be accompanied by a strong agitational campaign in the press (both in the general press and in the factory papers) by arranging special demonstrations, especially in those areas where there are large numbers of unorganised (workers' settlements, near the factories) making wide use of artistic agitational activities. March 8 must be utilised to explain to the broad masses of women workers the basic policy of the Red International of Labour Unions and to popularise the decisions of the Fourth R. I. L. U. Congress.

The revolutionary T. U. press must concentrate their publicity work to elucidating the role of the Comintern in revolutionising the T. U. movement, to clarify the basic decisions of the Fourth R. I. L. U. Congress, our strike strategy, exposing the mistakes of all kinds of "deviationists" like the ultra-lefts (Trotzkysts), simultaneously subjecting to special criticism the rights and the conciliators. The papers should also contain reviews of the activities of the R. I. L. U. sections, making clear the significance of the united front from below and also the general slogans mentioned in the foregoing.

All organisations of the workers must be induced to take a hand in conducting the campaign. In the various cultural labour organisations — sport, radio, cinematograph, theatrical, literary and other organisations — R. I. L. U. adherents must urge the management committees to take part in the foregoing campaigns. Should there be a refusal on the part of the reformist leaders, our comrades must assume the initiative to organise and carry out this campaign against the desires or wishes of the reformist bureaucrats, getting the broadest circles of the workers to participate.

The culminating point of the campaign has been fixed for March 18, to which date the various mass sport tournaments and other entertainments as well as the organisation of artistic agitational evenings should be arranged to make our agitational work as effective as possible. The programmes of these artistic entertainments should be drawn up so as to popularise our fundamental slogans in an artistic fashion.

In order that this campaign shall become international in character, all forms of international workers connections must be utilised, for example worker-correspondents must be induced to respond to each other in all parts of the world, material and wall-papers should be exchanged on an international scale, calls be issued through the radio and through the short-wave sets of worker radio amateurs, and exhibitions illustrating the struggle and the position of the working class in the various countries should be organised.

Artistic and literary forces, sympathising with the revolutionary struggle of the workers should be induced to take a hand in all this work. Ways and means of conducting the campaigns must be taken up in the leading organs of the trade unions and other labour organisations, special comrades to be appointed to attend to these activities. The campaign itself must be linked up with the concrete questions confronting the workers in the given country and in the given enterprise. All the problems arising from the present campaigns must not be placed before the workers in an abstract, theoretical way, but must be taken up concretely and in a popular form, so that they will be understood by each and every worker. The experience of the workers in the U. S. S. R. taking the power and the successes achieved must be given wide publicity. All questions of Soviet construction, state, economic and cultural must be made clear to the workers at large. The superiority of government by Soviets as against bourgeois government must be stressed, and in this fashion the problem of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat will be placed before the workers in all its significance. Affiliated R. I. L. U. organisations must do everything in their power to give this campaign a mass character.

With comradely greetings,

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