

# Preparations for the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U.

*This is the final installment of an article by the Negro organizer of the Trade Union Unity League on preparations for the Fifth Congress of the R.I.L.U.*

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The National Textile Workers' Union has issued a special bulletin on the preparations of the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U. It has issued a challenge to the National Miners' Union on a number of points of revolutionary competition. It has set up revolutionary competition amongst its districts and its local unions.

The Food Workers' National Committee has also set up special forms of instructions to all of their local groups for preparation for the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U. Likewise, has the National Lumber Workers' Union outlined plans of work for its local unions and groups.

The New York and Chicago districts of the T. U. U. L. have entered into agreements of revolutionary competition for building the Labor Unity. The San Francisco district of the T. U. U. L. has outlined plans for the nomination of delegates for the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U. The Cleveland T. U. U. L. district also elaborated a detailed plan. The Southern district has submitted a partial plan which they are undertaking to put into effect. Also the Boston district and the Salt Lake district.

The Marine Workers' Industrial Union and the Railroad Workers' Industrial League have carried through a part of their plan of a campaign to nominate delegates and to popularize the R. I. L. U.

Also wide plans were made for the nomination of Negro delegates to attend the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U., and in all sections of the country directions were given to popularize the R. I. L. U. amongst

the Negro workers. At least eight Negro delegates from the most basic industries are to go to the Fifth Congress. At the same time special assistance was rendered by the T. U. U. L. groups for the popularization of the London Conference of Negro Workers, which is being convened by the Provisional International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers, elected at the Second World Congress of the Anti-Imperialist League at Frankfurt, Germany.

## Finances.

No small part, and certainly no insignificant political part of the preparations for the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U., has been the plan for raising finances to defray the expenses of the delegates to the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U. Twenty thousand assessment stamps have been printed, to sell at 25 cents each; 25,000 special R. I. L. U. buttons are being made, to sell for 10 cents each; special funds are

to be raised at mass meetings for this purpose. A special subscription list, in addition, has been sent out by the Provisional International Trade Union Committee of Negro Workers for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Negro delegates to the London Conference.

Special conferences have been held by the National Committee of the T. U. U. L. with the various district organizers of the T. U. U. L. on the preparations for the Fifth Congress of the R. I. L. U.

Special conferences have also been held with the heads of the National Unions and leagues affiliated to the T. U. U. L.

These are the preliminary plans that have been made by the Trade Union Unity League in preparation for the Fifth Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions. These plans are to be followed by more intense preparations during the intervening period.