March 18, — An International Red Relief Day

The Central Committee of the International Red Relief has decided to use March 18th for a more intensive propaganda for political prisoners. We approach all organizations affiliated to us, and the working men and women throughout the world, to carry out this decision, and to do their utmost to assist us in this work.

Working men and women! In all bourgeois countries, the prisons and dungeons are full to overflowing with political prisoners. Many of them have already been for years behind prison walls and are exposed to cruel tortures. Their families are in great want. All of them need Red Relief. Therefore, take up your minds to establish on March 18th Red Relief stations in all the countries of the world, and to recruit more members for the already existing organizations. Be as active as you possibly can. Collect money to enable the Red Relief to be continuous and sufficient assistance to the relatives and dependents of the prisoners. Make it a habit to put aside on payday a certain amount, for those who are in prison. In this purpose it will be as well to have Red Relief collecting boxes in factories and workshops, in trade union bureaus and the shops of the workers' cooperatives. Do not let go by chance any festival, gymnastics or sports display, or singing competition without on such occasions collecting for the prisoners for Red Relief. Take advantage of March 18th to protest in all parliaments and municipal councils against the White Terror, and move resolutions at cooperative meetings for collective affiliation to the Red Relief with a guaranteed fixed contribution. It is at such meetings that you will have a good opportunity to ask for special contributions in money, food, fuel, and clothes for our prisoners and their families.

Workingmen and Women! Make use of March 18th to render at least a small return for all we owe our prisoners and their families. Work for the Red Relief is part of the great revolutionary work of the proletariat. Those who work for the Red Relief are helping to render the incapacitated troops of the revolutionary class fit again for further struggles. The more intensive the proletariat works for Red Relief, the sooner will the world proletariat be able to engage again in new struggles. All workers and peasants, the women and the youth, and the great army of those who sympathize with us, must help us to accomplish our Red Relief work.

Give Red Relief to the Political Prisoners!
Demand their Liberation!
Protest on March 18th against White Terror and World Reaction!

The Executive Committee
of the Communist International.
RED RELIEF

The World-Wide Significance of the International Red Relief.

By I. Amter

White reaction holds the working masses of the world in its bloody grip. In Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, Roumania, Lettland, Esthonia and Finland, in Java, India, China and Japan, in Spain and France, in the United States, Canada and South America – tens of thousands of the best workers languishing in prison. They have been sent to these hell-holes for daring to fight in the front ranks of the workers against the brutal exploiters. In the interests of the workers they have defied the authority of the capitalist State; and today are paying the penalty of their heroism.

The World War filled the international bourgeoisie with great pride. They had won the war; they were well armed; the working class was split into warring camps. Despite the fact that they had accumulated billions of debts; that created value running into more billions had been shot to pieces; and despite the fact that the workers and peasants of Soviet Russia has taken from them one of the most fertile lands for exploitation, they felt strong. Many capitalist governments were on the verge of ruin and collapse; many shuddered before the menace of the working class. The international bourgeoisie felt safe; they would only allow the proletariat of another country to see power. Together they would drown the workers in blood.

In Hungary, the workers might attempt to establish their Soviet power; in Finland they might declare parliament their own; in Italy they might seize the factories and fight for social control; in Germany they might overthrow the Kaiser and proclaim the country a republic – the bourgeoisie did not fear. The war taught them the necessity of standing together. However much they may fight among themselves for the spoils of war and for the right of exploitation against the working class and the militant peasants they are a unit.

Hence the workers of Hungary, Italy, Finland and Roumania did not fight against their bourgeoisie alone. Behind the bourgeoisie of these countries stood the mighty capitalist governments of France and England, aiding them with guns and ammunition, with millions of gold. Just as they had tried to throttle the Soviet Government with guns and aeroplanes from England, France and the United States; just as they sequester American, English and French boys to shoot down Russian workers and peasants who threw the bourgeoisie out of the land for ever and too, they aid the bourgeoisie of every other country in beating down and crushing the working class.

The capitalist system of production is truly anarchic. The capitalist mind is clear. The capitalists very well understand their mutual interests and they are organised to protect their interests. Armies are not created by one capitalist government only to beat another capitalist government in the race for profits. Sources of raw material and fields for investments are created in order to shoot down rebellious workers and militant peasants. They are to help other capitalist governments in subduing their workers. We have returned to “peace”
The international bourgeoisie could not succeed in its diabolical plans were the working class not disorganised and disarmed. The capitalist class will succeed still further if the workers of the world do not unite in defending their fighters. The capitalists do not ask about colour and complexion. They are indifferent to race or faith; they do not ask about political affiliation. Military workers are a menace and must be removed; prison torture and death are their reward.

President Wilson first heard of Tom Mowrey when the workers of Petrograd demanded his release. Mowrey and Nicol were saved from capital punishment in Spain, after the workers of France had demonstrated. International solidarity is the strongest weapon of the working class in the fight against the bourgeoisie. The working class must learn to stand together as the internationalists capitalists stick together. With this weapon, the workers will free themselves from capitalist tyranny. They must stand solidly behind the militant revolutionary workers in prison. They must aid their families. They must help the imprisoned peasants who are paying the penalty for their heroism.

International Red Relief is the Demand of the Hour.

The Tzarist regime in Russia has declared war on the working class prisoners in Germany, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, France, Austria, Switzerland, Portugal, Finland, Lithuania, Roumania, Java, China, Palestine.

Where has this money come from? Chillyly from the Russian workers and peasants. The Russian workers and peasants cannot forget the solidarity that the workers of the whole world manifested toward them when they fought against international reaction in defence of their Soviet republics. The Russian workers and peasants cannot forget the aid that the workers and peasants gave them when famine threatened their land. They cannot forget how, in the times of the Tsars, their political refugees were aided by foreign workers. Russian workers have given of their earnings. They pledge themselves to aid their fighting comrades abroad, and their starving families. They know that the capitalist governments hate most of all the political prisoners, because they are their bitterest enemies in the cause of freedom. Russian peasants give of their grain; their last trinkets they contribute. Fighting workers and their families, no matter where, must be supported. There is no more glorious task than International Red Relief for the Russian workers and peasants.

Four hundred thousand Russian workers and peasants are in the organisations of the International Red Relief. Their slogan is one million members by May 1. The workers and peasants of other countries should take an example from these workers.

There is no more task than that of the International Red Relief. It is a powerful weapon against the White Reaction. March 18, the day of the abrogative revolution, is the banner day of the International Red Relief. March 18 and the month of March should be the signal for intensified work in the name of the fighting workers against capitalism and world imperialism, of International Solidarity and of the Proletarian Revolution.

The Tasks of the International Red Relief.

By Ehrenfried Wagner (Moscow).

For many years on the 18th March, workers in towns and rural areas have proceeded to the graves of the victims fallen in masses. On this day they think of all the heroic dead who have sacrificed their lives in the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat. These revolutionary victims fell not in the peak of their power in number since the world war. In all the countries of the world, thousands of valiant workers have perished in struggle. Thousands of others have been locked up in prison. The world proletariat remembers all these victims on the 18th of March. We think of them in order to celebrate their faith and their courage. On this occasion we shall give account to ourselves.
It is a long and gracious procession which is passing before your eyes. The bare figures in themselves are incapable of expressing the vast sum of needs, terror, scars, hunger and of the grief and pain contained in the sacrifices which our valiant comrades in all countries of the world have endured in the course of the class struggle. Who of the rest, could help the proletariat, uproot classes, to come exact statistics indicating the number of the comrades languishing in the prisons?

If we say that there are 4,000 political prisoners in Italy, 200 in France, 1,200 in Finland, 1,500 in Poland, 20,000 in Russia, 3,000 in Spain, 5,000 in Bulgaria, and 7,000 in Germany, this refers only to those who could be reached by the “Red Relief”. These are supported by it. To this number there must be added a four times greater number representing the families of the imprisoned workers and children. And these numbers are increasing from day to day, since struggles between reaction and the vanguard of the proletariat are taking place daily.

In Bulgaria, white terror assumes forms hitherto unknown. Entire towns and villages were burned and the inhabitants were murdered and slaughtered in the most cruel mass assassinations. The prisoners are crowded in barracks or in hagges anchored in the Danube. Hundreds of Bulgarian emigrants are living in several countries.

In Germany, the majority of the victims have fallen in the course of numerous hunger demonstrations, and fresh victims are falling every day. In all districts of Germany there were created Special Military Courts, which are working zealously and which doled their zeal at the very moment when there was the least of the sudden abolition of the state of siege. Thousands of political prisoners in the various prisons and concentration camps, and waiting there for weeks and months to be sentenced, will be sentenced in the most severe manner as long as the Military or civil state of siege in Germany still continues. In all these sentences, the political tendency is revealed quite clearly. In Germany a particularly cruel misery exists amongst the families of the arrested, since hunger is prevailing in the whole country. These families are not receiving any support, neither from the state, nor from the numerous philanthropic associations collecting money for starving Germany. It is true, comrades who are still in freedom and still have a job are making efforts to support their friends. But such casual help which is rendered by a small circle of near friends does not suffice. Permanent and systematic aid must be afforded.

On the 18th March, the workers of the whole world must remember the necessity of such a methodical support. Now, and beginning from now, we have an international relief for all imprisoned, for all arrested for political reasons and for their families. This is the “International Red Relief”. It has its sections already in the most important countries. 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