

In The R.I.L.U.

The Split in the Amsterdam I.F.T.U.

Resolution of the Executive Bureau of the R.I.L.U.

In view of the capitulation of the German trade union bureaucrats to fascism, the enhanced danger of war and the actual secession of the German trade unions from the Amsterdam International, the Sections of the R.I.L.U. must launch a large-scale enlightenment campaign among the masses, in particular among the members of the reformist unions. This campaign should proceed from the following point of view:

1. The capitulation of the German trade union bureaucracy to fascism is the result of the whole policy of class collaboration

conducted by the Amsterdam International and the reformist trade union federations, the result of their reactionary united front with the bourgeoisie against the proletariat.

2. The incorporation of the German trade union bureaucracy in the national fascist front and the actual withdrawal of the German trade unions from the Amsterdam International have intensified all national-imperialist antagonisms within the Amsterdam International, which has been shattered from within and in reality has ceased to exist as an international organisation. The reformist trade unions in the various countries, however, still represent great mass organisations, and therefore the fight for the rank and file of the trade unions must be conducted with redoubled energy.

3. The Entente portion of the Amsterdam International, which had removed its headquarters from Berlin to Paris and which attempts to play the role of a unity executive of the international trade union movement, has the task of cloaking over the bankruptcy of the policy conducted by the national constituent parts of the Amsterdam International, as well as utilising the former name of the Amsterdam International by the trade union bureaucrats of France, Belgium, England, etc., for increasingly splitting the working class, inciting against the revolutionary trade union movement and supporting the imperialist bloc directed against Germany. Hence the fight against the Paris edition of the Amsterdam International and all its manoeuvres must be conducted with undiminished energy right up to the complete emancipation of all workers from the influence of the social-fascist leaders.

4. The increased fight between the leaders of the Amsterdam International is the expression, on the one hand, of the open imperialist-fascist attitude of the German trade union bureaucracy, which supports Hitler's dictatorship, which is plunging Germany into a war adventure, and, on the other hand, of the pro-Versailles policy of the trade union bureaucracy of the victor countries in the world war, which cloaks this imperialist policy with anti-fascist phrases. The manifestoes of the French, English, Czechoslovakian and Polish reformists against the policy of the leaders of the German General Trade Union Federation are the outcome of the fact that the bourgeoisie of these countries are preparing for a war against German imperialism and against the German-Italian-Hungarian bloc which is being formed.

5. The Sections of the R.I.L.U. of France, England, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Belgium must pay particular attention to the manoeuvres of the trade union bureaucrats of their countries, carried out in view of the bankruptcy of the German trade union bureaucrats. The attempts of the reformists of these countries to represent the matter as if there exist bad social democrats (in Germany) and good ones (in France, Czechoslovakia, etc.) must be thoroughly exposed.

6. In view of the split in the Amsterdam International and of the fact that the Amsterdam International, even before the split, was only formally an international workers' organisation, the role of the Red International of Labour Unions as the only international trade union organisation representing both on an international scale as well as in the individual countries the class unity of the proletariat, must be particularly emphasised in this enlightenment campaign.

7. The whole activity of the Sections of the R.I.L.U. must be based on the united front of the members of the revolutionary and of the reformist trade unions in the fight against the offensive of capital and fascist reaction.