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PASSING IT UP TO OLD-FASHIONED DIPLOMACY —BELA KUN TO THE ALLIES

PARIS, Tuesday.—Bela Kun has forwarded to M. Clemenceau the following reply to the latter's second Note:—

"The Hungarian Republic of the Soviet declares frankly and openly, and without hesitation, that not only will it comply with the demand of the Associated Powers immediately to discontinue hostilities, but that it has already in all respects complied with this demand.

"We are not the cause of the continuation of bloodshed, but the troops of the Czecho-Slovak Republic, who, taking advantage of the fact that at the behest of the Allied and Associated Powers, we at once suspended war operations, took the offensive which we could only repulse by counter-offensives with the object of making it hereafter impossible for them to continue their advance. We point out that as the Roumanian Army did not recommence its attacks, we did not make a single forward advance in territory occupied by them.

"In order to effect the recalling of the troops and the evacuation of the territories without bloodshed we have today invited the governments and commanders-in-chief of both Czecho-Slovakia and Rumania to send to our general headquarters or some other place military delegates fully empowered to lay down the formalities of evacuation in mutual agreement with your chief command.

"We desire to point out that, contrary to the declaration of the Allied and Associated Governments, according to which conquest can not form the basis of the frontiers of the new States these frontiers appear to us to be drawn solely by the right to the strongest.

"It is absolutely impossible to create normal economic life and production within these frontiers because it is impossible to ensure the very subsistence of the population living in the territories thus limited. We hoped to be given the opportunity to prove before the Peace Conference the truth of this assertion.

"We wish to emphatically state one point, viz., that under such conditions even a system of government as solidly founded as our own could hardly prevent the struggle for existence within these frontiers from degenerating into a war of each man against his neighbor. We ask you kindly to take the necessary steps with the Governments of Czecho-Slovakia and Roumania.—Exchange.

"BELA KUN."

AUSTRALIA.

As showing that the disturbances in Queensland are due to economic causes rather than to "Red" propaganda, we quote the following from an exchange: "The stoppage of shipping is causing a famine in North Queensland, and the government has commandeered all flour at Charters Towers." Mines are closed down and the products of labor are stacked up and the warehouses are full, yet the people are starving.

An Appeal for Defence Funds

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA

401 Pender St. E., Vancouver, B. C.,

Dominion Executive Committee,

July 10, 1919.

Comrades:

Funds are urgently needed for the defence of those men arrested in connection with the late strike troubles in Canada. The preliminary trial is undergoing numerous postponements, while the police are combing the whole Dominion in an effort to discover evidence; documentary and otherwise, to be used in the trial.

The charges against the labor officials are at present seditious libel and seditious conspiracy, though the Crown Prosecutor announces that this will be subject to alterations. The Federal Government has retained six of the leading legal firms of Winnipeg for the prosecution, and that action may be taken as evidence that no effort will be spared to secure convictions.

W. A. Pritchard, R. B. Russel, George Armstrong.

ITALIAN SEAMEN AND RUSSIA

The "Daily Herald," (England), gives in full the story of how the Italian Seamen's Federation have declared a boycott of all ships carrying munitions for the war against Soviet Russia. In their resolution they state:

"All the crews of the Italian steamers are disposed to go to prison or sink to the bottom of the harbor with their steamers rather than allow themselves to contribute to the defeat of the Russian peoples revolution.

"We are convinced that such a defeat would mean the defeat of Labor everywhere. We invite all other Labor organizations, especially seamen, to boycott all steamers chartered by international capitalism against the Workers' International, which is massing now its Red vanguards on the battlefields of Revolutionary Russia."

GREECE REFUSES TO FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET

"L'Humanite," May 22, 1919. It is a well-known fact that Greek troops constituted a large part of the Entente forces in Odessa and in the Crimea. A Russian wireless of May 19 announces the refusal of Greece to continue to fight against Soviet Russia, as follows:

"The Greek Admiral in Sebastopol has assured the representative of the Red Army that henceforth Greece will not participate in the operations against Bolshevik Russia. Previous to his departure he called with other diplomatic representatives on the President of the Revolutionary Committee and repeated his assurances of Greek sympathy for Soviet Russia. In their private conversations the Greek representatives condemned in strong terms the Entente's action in forcing the Greeks to participate in operations against the Red Army."

R. J. Johns, are all members of the Socialist Party of Canada. The funds raised, however, will be used to cover the defence of all those arrested. The loyal support of the workers is due to these arrested comrades, because it is for working in behalf of the working class and voicing its needs and aspirations that they have incurred the enmity of the ruling class.

In addition to the case of the labor officials, a number of foreigners have also been arrested, we understand, under the provisions of the recent Act of Parliament, which the press reported as being rushed through both Houses of Parliament in twenty minutes. This new Act is a "blanket" measure, ostensibly aimed at the advocates of physical force for the overthrow of established authority, but designedly constructed so that very wide and unknown scope of application and interpretation of it is placed within the hands of the bureaucrats of the administration. Should the arrested men be convicted under it, precedents will be established which will effect thousands of others holding unorthodox economic and political views, and the last remnants of old established and bitterly fought for privileges of freedom of thought and speech will be swept away. The attempt to penalize these men constitutes a blow at the working class movement towards a better state of things. This blow can only be met by contesting thoroughly the validity of the charges in the courts of law. Every present indication points to it that the trial will be the most important and far-reaching in its consequences which has heretofore effected the labor movement in Canada.

A large sum of money will be needed. The expenses it is estimated, will run into five figures. Due to the long continued strike, union treasuries and the strikers individual funds are either depleted or exhausted. Also there are a large and growing number of unemployed who will be unable to contribute. Consequently, it is the more necessary that those more fortunately circumstanced should contribute to their utmost.

We, ourselves, can only reach a few of those in whom this appeal would find a response. Help the cause of the arrested men and the working class in general, by acquainting others of this need for funds. Please, each one, do your very best, and that quickly.

Send all moneys, if possible, by cheque, money order, postal note or by registered letter to the respective treasurers of the following collecting agencies:

British Columbia Agency—Victor Midgley, Postoffice Drawer 879, Vancouver, B. C.

Alberta Agency—A. Broatch, 1203 Eighth Avenue East, Calgary, Alta.

Central Collection Agency—E. Robinson, Secretary Trades and Labor Council, Winnipeg, Man.

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