

The Treachery of the II. International in India.

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H. N. Brailsford, a prominent member of the British Independent Labour Party and one of the ideologists of the "Left" wing of British social imperialism, is touring India and preaching to the Indian workers, reason, moderation and reformism in the political and economic fight.

When the flames of the revolution rose in China and the red Soviet flag was unfurled in the South of China, the II. International called up their comrade Vandervelde to support the Kuomintang authorities.

The revolutionary wave is now rising in India; the pressure of the masses has compelled even the national reformists to declare a general strike of the railway workers. The slogan of general strike is gaining popularity among the working masses. The peasantry is being drawn into the anti-imperialist and anti-feudal revolution.

The "Round Table Conference", at which the National Congress leaders are bargaining with English imperialism over the price of capitulation, has arrived at an impasse. In India itself the "Labour" government is conducting a fight against the insurgent peasants of the North West Frontier provinces; it is causing workers and peasants to be shot down in Bombay, Calcutta, Karachi, Bengal and other places.

The English police are helping the "Left" national reformists to wrest from the revolutionaries the red union of the Bombay textile workers, Girni Kangar. The English authorities help the national reformists and the trade union leaders in their attack on the revolutionary wing of the Labour movement in the whole of India. Communist renegades like Roy, who have become "Left" national reformists, call upon the workers to join the National Congress in order, allegedly, to "capture" this organisation from within.

The Labour-man Brailsford has been mobilised to support the English troops and police, to support the reformists of various shades. He is touring India and propagating non-resistance and reformism. For this purpose there is being set up under his leadership a police socialist party. This sorry hero of treachery is endeavouring to prove to the Indian workers that Dominion Status, i. e., slavery within the confines of the British Empire, is better than independence; that submission in the garb of reformism is better than the revolutionary class struggle.

Gandhi and the National Congress, as well as the "Left" traitors of the National Congress, are preaching non-resistance, submission to imperialism. Brailsford is doing the same thing. Collaboration between national reformists and the social imperialists in the sphere of deception of the workers has become exceedingly close. But the police socialists of Indian origin do not find any followers among the Indian workers. The latter are already showing an example of heroic fight for emancipation from the double yoke: from the yoke of their own and of the British bourgeoisie. Mr. Brailsford's tour in India will be crowned with "successes" like those which marked the China tour of his comrade in social fascism, Emile Vandervelde.