

Open Letter from the Y. C. I. to the All-Indian Youth Congress and to All Young Workers and Peasants of India.

Comrades and Brothers!

The YCI, in the name of millions of young workers of the world, addresses itself to your Congress and to all young toilers of India on questions of interest to hundreds of millions of the Indian people.

The YCI is an organisation of the best representatives of the toiling youth of 63 countries, and has everywhere been in the front ranks in the struggle against capitalism. Its members stood in the front ranks of the great Chinese revolution, just as they are fighting now in all parts of the world for the emancipation of India.

We, as friends and comrades who have shown in deed our devotion to the interests of the colonial peoples and the world revolution, now address ourselves to you.

The progressive representatives of the Indian people, the workers, are actively fighting against imperialism and exploi-

tation, showing an example of heroism and tenacity in the struggle for the liberation of the Indian people which has brought them forwards as the leaders of the Indian Revolution. The spirit of revolt among the Indian peasantry against the landlords and imperialists is growing in maturity.

The revolutionary struggle of the workers and peasants of India is only a part of the world struggle against imperialism, a part of the world revolution. Already imperialism has lost one-sixth of the globe — the USSR, in which the nations that inhabit it are building a new life, building up Socialism and in which all national hatred has been forgotten. The Soviet Union is the fatherland of the workers of the world, the friend of all oppressed peoples in their liberation war, and just as the imperialists of the world are preparing for war, against that country, so must the workers of the world prepare for its defence.

The activity of the masses of India in the fight for a new life, their heroism, their good organisation, have shown to the world what events are maturing in India and have at the same time compelled the Liberals, the reformists and the imperialists to reckon with the force of the mass movement of the workers and peasants.

The imperialists, as represented by the "Labour Government" of Great Britain, are preparing weapons and soldiers against the mass movement of the workers and peasants, will try to drown their revolutionary struggles in blood, while playing upon the demands of the Indian people by promising Dominion rights to India in the distant future. The nationalist bourgeoisie, pretending readiness to fight against imperialism, is in fact throttling the Indian people and especially its progressive champions — the Indian workers, as seen in the betrayal of the peasants of Bardoli, the struggle carried on in Bombay against strikes, and its compromise on the question of Dominion rights. The National Congress, which represents the interests of the bourgeoisie and liberal landlords, actually retards the revolutionary movement, uttering revolutionary phrases in order to deprive it of its revolutionary character. It has long ago betrayed the masses of the Indian people and cannot lead their struggle against British imperialism, its object is to arrive at a peaceful agreement with the British imperialists for the oppression of the Indian people.

Every honest revolutionary who believes not in what people, political parties and organisations say, but in what they do, will see that all the talk of the leaders of the National Congress and of the League of Independence is downright deception of the masses, which becomes more dangerous now, when the mass of workers, peasants and toilers have shown their readiness to fight. Their best representatives are now in the jails of the Labour Government — with the actual benediction of the leaders of the National Congress.

The Labour Government of British Imperialism will continue to promulgate laws to worsen the conditions of the masses, legalising exploitation and slavery. The National Congress will "retaliate" by issuing declarations that "there can be no fight now and that the people must wait".

Comrades and brothers, many of you have already worked among the masses, have come forth from the masses and known their sentiments. Many of you, while actively fighting against British Imperialism, still believe in the National Congress, in the League of Independence, and in the identity of the classes and the Indian people. Many of you really want to go to the masses of workers and peasants, to help them build and develop their organisations. It is to you that we now appeal.

Sever your contact with the National Congress and the League of Independence, disclose their falseness and treachery. Show them up for what they are, as assistants of British imperialism.

Drive the traitors, the phrasemongers, out of your ranks.

Everyone of you who takes part in the movement of the youth, who is an honest fighter and who wants to fight with all possible means against British imperialism for the benefit of the Indian people must understand that he has nothing in common with the liberal bourgeoisie, the landlords, and their spineless intellectual flunkies.

What is it that you must fight for? You must fight not in the interests of a handful of moneybags, but in the interests of the 400 million Indian people, you must fight for Communism — our ultimate aim, for the abolition of exploitation of man by man, for full equality of all people. But for this one must fight in India first of all for the workers' right to strike, to organise their trade unions, to work an 8-hour day, to enjoy human conditions, to abolish exploitation in the factories, mills and railways, etc. The workers must be helped in their struggle against exploitation. The struggle of the workers is a struggle in the interests of all Indian people. The Indian workers have already been and must be the leaders and teachers of the mass of Indian toilers.

You must fight for the right of the peasants to the land, for the confiscation of the landed estates, for the annulment of usurious debts, the abolition of usury, and the abolition of feudal relations. The peasants must be helped in their struggle for land. They must be helped to seize the land and to get rid of the landlords, to organise in the struggle against the landlords and against British imperialism.

A struggle must be waged for freedom — not in words, but in deeds. Such freedom can be guaranteed only by a workers' and peasants' government, by Soviets. Any other Government in India will be a government of violence and oppression. Anyone who fights against the establishment of a Soviet Government in India differs from the British imperialists only in the methods of oppression of the Indian people.

How to fight? The fight must be a revolutionary one, the methods used by such people as Nehru Junior, people who fight against British imperialism with their tongues in the homes of the rich, at Liberal meetings, must be exposed. The workers must be helped to organise their strikes, the peasants must be helped to seize the land, and preparations must be made for a general strike of the Indian masses. A general political strike will show the masses their strength, will organise them, and will deliver a serious blow to British imperialism. Prepare for a general strike, organise committees of action, organise the masses, disarm imperialism and attract the mass of soldiers to the side of revolution, work among the forces. We reject individual terror as a method. Mass action is the best weapon in the hands of the revolution.

Whom to fight with? You must go together with the workers and peasants, together with the Communists and with the Young Communist League of India, who alone are capable of leading the Indian masses to the end. The Indian Communists are the vanguard of the Indian working class. The Young Communist League is the vanguard of the young workers of India. We call upon the best of you to join and build the Young Communist League which aims at the preparation of the masses of young toilers for revolutionary conflicts by means of active participation in the daily struggles of the workers and peasants against landlord and capitalist exploitation.

The YCL fights in the interests of the young workers and peasants. It aims at the securing of better working conditions for the young workers, and at leading their struggle, and takes steps towards their education. The YCL fights for the revolutionary enlightenment of all young toilers.

Build the Young Communist League. Draw the young workers and the best revolutionary representatives of young peasants into the organisation. Only under the leadership of the Young Communist League of India will the movement of the Indian youth be able to fulfil its historical mission -- to be in the front ranks of the Indian revolution.

Long live the revolutionary struggle for a Soviet India!

Long live the revolutionary youth of India!

Down with the leadership of the National Congress and the League of Independence!

Long live the Communist Party of India!

Long live the Young Communist League of India!

Long live the USSR!

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