

Facing the government: worker-student unity

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A close examination of the great Limburg strike and the other strikes that are taking place powerfully in the country reveals that the student movement reacted with force alongside the workers of Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels.

It is not the first time that thousands of university and secondary school students have demonstrated their solidarity with the working class.

We have already said, in these same columns, how deeply the great strike of 1960-61 had marked the student movement, how much the historic role of the working class and its necessary leadership in the struggles had penetrated the consciousness of thousands of young people intellectuals.

The disastrous policy of the Lefèvre-Spaak government and that - just as reactionary of the Spaak-Eyskens government - have gravely displeased the youth of our country, who are increasingly aware of the need to firmly engage in the fight against all politics government, to achieve a political program, claiming, entirely differ.

Through the vast protest movement that has just uprooted the government, we have been able to see thousands of students throw themselves into the fight and combine their specific demands with those of the workers.

Thus the strike in Limburg and the fascist repression of the state apparatus sparked within the four universities a vast movement of solidarity with the miners.

This is also how hundreds of students from Hasselt and the Zwartberg mining area demonstrated and went on strike to protest against the scandalous repression of the forces of "bourgeois order".

In Ghent, thousands of students demonstrated in the streets and organized class stops.

In Leuven, nearly a thousand students also demonstrated and were charged by the gendarmerie, which engaged in constant provocations.

In Liège, an important meeting took place.

Finally, at the ULB, a meeting of more than 300 people was organized, a first delegation went to Zwartberg, a second delegation went by bus to the miners' funeral, a strike and a mass demonstration took place on Tuesday 8 February.

What predominated among the mass of students from the four universities was total solidarity with the miners, the will to use direct action to oust the government and to triumph a political program questioning the very structure of the Unitary bourgeois state.

No closure, failure to the single super-law, repression of tax fraud, reduction of military spending, national health service, were slogans that kept coming up.

The Communist Students played a big role in these sections, particularly at the ULB as well as in Leuven.

In Leuven, our comrades were on the street, distributing hundreds of leaflets, speaking from group to group.

At the ULB, they organized a unitary meeting at which, under the chairmanship of comrade Tondeur, Jean-Louis Roefs of the UES, Peeters of the BSG, and Michel Graindorge, Secretary of the Movement of the JC, took your word.

The student movement has an important role to play.

By persevering on the path taken in recent weeks, the struggle under the leadership of the working class, it will decisively strengthen its effectiveness.