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AMNESTY IN THE SOVIET UNION

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WHI. there be amnesty for political prisoners in the Soviet Union? The following unconfirmed report has been received

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ed the attitude toward the Right and Left oppositions. (It Policy oppositions or to all political opponents.) Left political opponents.,
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to have insisted that the internal policies must become milder because of the new line of the Comintern, so as to make possible collaboration with left elements for the Communist Party a fight against fascism.

of amnesty, which appears to have in other countries, explain that been definitely agreed upon. Act this was not done because the cording to the provisional decision, all political prisoners and exiles who have five years or more to serve are to be amnestied.

How true this report is, whether it means the legalization of Russia, opposition parties in to prominent individuals like Trotsky and Zinoviev, it is not at present possible to say. We might note however, that just prior to the time when the above-mention-ed conference took place, Kamenev, who, it may be remembered, had been sentenced to a long prison term in connection with the famous Kirov assassination-ease, has had his sentence increased by another ten years on the charge that he plotted (while in prison?) to have Stalin assassinated!

A report from Moscow declares that Zinoviev, former head of the Comintern, is hopelessly sick. On account of his illness, he has been transported from Siberia, he was serving his term of exile, to the Caucasus, in the neighbor-hood of Tiflis. Zinoviev is said to be suffering from tuberculosis and his condition is described as hopeless. Both lungs are affected, and his transfer to the Caucasus has brought no improvement in his condition, in spite of the best medical attention. He is not expected to recover.

As a result of the referendum vote conducted by the Norwegian trade unions, they are now part of the International Norway Federation of Trade Unions (Am-

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sterdam International). Accordance to the report of the "Arbeiderbladet" 90

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cent of the membership voted in favor of joining Amsterdam. The decision is ejective as of January 1. This is the first time since the

post-war split that the Norwegian trade unions have had any international affiliation, and marks a strong trend in all countries for the re-unification of the labor movement.

By a vote of 45 to 24, with 6 abstentions, the national committee of the Belgian Labor Party (Socialist) rejected a proposal for the setting up of a Peoples Front Movement. The Committee decided in favor of united front actions from time to time on specific ussues.

Due to a typographical error in the column last week (the last sentence of a paragraph was inadvertently omitted) the meaning of the paragraph was altered somewhat. The pext from the last paragraph should read as follows: paragraph should read as follows:
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Stalin held an important conference with Jagoda, Commissar of Internal Affairs. They discuss-

can be defeated through the building of a "democratic front" are finding recruits in the

is not clear whether Right, most unforeseen this refers to Party Right, quarters. The latest additions to this front are none other than the royal houses of England and of Greece.

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On the occasion of the restoration of the monarchy in Greece, appeared before King George and pledged They also discussed the question allegiance. They, and their friends Communists are monarchists—God forbid!—but because they consider King George to be a bulwark against fascism and in defense of the "democratic institutions." On the occasion of the death of

the British King George and the whether the amnesty will extend ascent of Edward to the throne, to prominent individuals like the National Council of Labor, representing the trade unions, Labor Party and the Parliamentary Labor Group, sent a message to the "Queen Mother," which contained the following paragraph: "The Council shares the na-tion's sorrow and desire to associate themselves with the na-

tional and world-wide tribute which have been paid to His Late Majesty. In a long reign of over 25 years the nation passed through profound political and social changes, and the tragedy of a great war, Throughout that period His Late Majesty maintained the highest traditions of constitutional Kingship, combined with a no-ble character and a high sense of personal duty. His influence strengthened and deepened the foundations of democratic parliamentary institutions."

When the extreme right wing, as represented by the British Labor Party, and the so-called extreme left, as represented by the communists, can form a united front on the issue of benevolence toward monarchism, which modern times has been one of the main bulwarks against, the workers, it is time for the class conscious workers to be more than suspicious of the policies represented by these organizations.

Krueger and Maverick To Speak in Chicago

CHICAGO - Representative Maury Maverick of Texas and Maynard Krueger, Socialist nacommitteman, tional executive will be the chief speakers at a north-side mass meeting at the Peoples Church here, 941 Lawrence avenue Monday, February 17. The meeting was called in protest against the Kramer Sedition and Tydings-McCormack Disaffection Bills now pending in Congress.

Other activities in which Chieago Socialists are interested include:

An address by General Smedley D. Butler at Orchestra Hall, Monday, Feb. 24, under the auspices of the League for Industrial Democracy.

'A' banquet for Francis J. Gor-man, under the auspices of the Labor Party, Saturday, February 29, at the Amalgamated Clothing

Workers Center. Gorman will if also speak at a mass meeting Sunday evening. Discussions on the Draft Pro-

gram for the Socialist Party are being, held by the 44th Water Branch and the Unper North Branch.