

AMNESTY IN THE SOVIET UNION

WILL there be amnesty for political prisoners in the Soviet Union? The following unconfirmed report has been received from Moscow:

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How true this report is, whether it means the legalization of opposition parties in Russia, whether the amnesty will extend 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-mentioned conference took place, Kamenov, who, it may be remembered, had been sentenced to a long prison term in connection with the famous Kirov assassination—case, has had his sentence increased by another ten years on the charge that he plotted (while in prison?) to have Stalin assassinated!

As a result of the referendum vote conducted by the Norwegian trade unions, they are now part of the International Federation of Trade Unions (Amsterdam International). According to the report of the "Arbei-

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 issues.

"If real unity is ever achieved, it can only be at the basis of the total abolition of majority and minority. If the revolutionaries are to have legitimacy they will have to tolerate the very existence of minorities as a permanent part of life. It is the revolutionary principle of the minority that 'each man has the right to work for his own good' and that he cannot vote a majority by the pressure of party democracy. Eventually a revolutionary

Those who believe that fascism can be defeated through the building of a "democratic front" are finding recruits in the most unforeseen quarters. The latest additions to this front are none other than the royal houses of England and of Greece.

On the occasion of the death of the British King George and the ascent of Edward to the throne, 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:

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 in 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.

CHICAGO — Representative Maury Maverick of Texas and Maynard Krueger, Socialist national executive committeeman, 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.

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. Gorman, under the auspices of the Labor Party, Saturday, February 29, at the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Center. Gorman will also speak at a mass meeting Sunday evening.

Discussions on the Draft Program for the Socialist Party are being held by the 44th Ward Branch and the Upper North Branch.