

# Hail the R. I. L. U.

**T**ODAY there opens in the capital of the world proletariat, Moscow, the Fifth World Congress of the most powerful trade union organization of the earth—the Red International of Labor Unions, of which the Trade Union Unity League of the United States is a section.

The R.I.L.U. is powerful not merely because of its numerical strength, though it has far more members than that so-called "international" of social fascist treachery known as "Amsterdam." The R.I.L.U. is powerful because it has on its side the forces of history and the decisive factor of Marxist-Leninist guidance, the guidance of the Communist International.

In America, the importance of the R.I.L.U. has, in the past, been obscured to the workmen. It is one of the first duties of all revolutionary workers, first of all the Communists, to see that this error, better to say this crime, be liquidated.

Many "reasons" are advanced for this. One is that because the A. F. of L. is not affiliated to Amsterdam, and the R.I.L.U. is centering its fire on Amsterdam, therefore we have nothing to do with Amsterdam nor the R.I.L.U. either. This leaves out of account the fact that the A. F. of L. follows the same social fascist and fascist policies as servant of U. S. imperialism, that Amsterdam follows as servant of European imperialism. This ignores the fact that the R.I.L.U. is fighting policies, not a name. This in essence is a form of "American exceptionalism" and an objective support to social fascism.

Following the Fourth Congress of the R.I.L.U. in March, 1928, the right wing opportunists who had been, as Comrade Losovsky at the time well said, "dancing quadrilles around the A. F. of L." began an open fight against the line of the R.I.L.U. as they had previously carried on a covert sabotage.

Indeed this was brought into the open at the Fourth Congress itself, where Lovestone, foreshadowing his open renegacy, marshalled all forces of opportunism, of vacillating conciliators, to fight the guiding line of the Ninth Plenum of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, the line of the Fourth R.I.L.U. Congress, which line insisted on building the Trade Union Unity League in the U. S. A. as a center of **independent leadership of mass struggle**, on an end of the opportunist "loyalty" to the A. F. of L. as the "main stream of the labor movement," on an end of the intolerable kowtowing to a handful of social fascist "progressive leaders" who stultified all efforts to struggle and, dictating the terms upon which they would lend their supposed "influence," were fast discrediting the revolutionary trade union movement among the masses.

Today, with the opening of the Fifth R.I.L.U. Congress, all can see how necessary was the R.I.L.U. line of giving independent and revolutionary leadership to the masses.

Would we today go out and organize another Passaic strike and then turn it over to the traitorous A. F. of L.? Would we today ignore the unorganized miners as we did those of Colorado until they fell into the hands of the misleaders of the I.W.W.? Only the most rhinoceros-hided opportunist would say so.

There are those who say so, yes, but they are now outside the leadership of the T.U.U.L., these renegades of the Lovestone and Trotskyite cliques, uniting with the fascist and social fascist leaders of the A. F. of L. against the workers.

Today the revolutionary workers of America must render deserved recognition to the R.I.L.U. as the Headquarters of the World's Trade Union Movement. And in doing so, they should bend every effort to follow its guidance in building up its American section, the T.U.U.L., as the national trade union center, the mass organization of class struggle, as essential to the workers as is the Communist Party.