

T. U. E. L. Greets British Militants

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DEAR COMRADES:—Greetings to the revolutionary workers of Great Britain. On behalf of the National Committee of the TRADE UNION EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE, I take pleasure in extending our heartiest wishes for the success of your historic conference.

The revolutionaries in the United States are watching with the greatest interest the development of your vital movement. The many defeats suffered by the British workers on the industrial field, especially since Black Friday in 1921, have demonstrated the futility of the old line trade union program and the absolute necessity for a revolutionary policy and leadership. Now the Labor Party, with its settled policy of betrayal of the workers' interests for the sake of the employers' support, is making clear also the bankruptcy of its antiquated, petty bourgeois conceptions. Consequently, an increasingly favorable opportunity is presenting itself for the Communist left wing to place itself at the head of the disillusioned masses. We hope that your conference will result in many constructive measures tending to give you the necessary organization

to fulfill your historic task as the vanguard of the British working class in its final assault upon the capitalist system.

We, in the United States, are having a desperate struggle in the face of a multitude of enemies. The capitalist class is highly organized, rich beyond computation, and imbued with a militant fighting spirit. The working class, on the other hand, is incredibly backward intellectually, having hardly the faintest inkling of class understanding. Its organization is pitifully weak and its reactionary leadership is beneath contempt. In such an environment it is exceedingly difficult for us to make headway, but much is being accomplished, nevertheless.

We believe that it would be highly beneficial for our two minority movements to keep in close touch with each other, not only with respect to the general movements, but also those in the individual industries. We will be glad to co-operate with you in this respect. Again wishing your conference the greatest success, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

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Wm. Z. Foster, Secy.-Treas.