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Austrian Workers Fight Historic Battle

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AUSTRIA NEXT IN ORDER

...not a year ago, on March 23, Leon Trotsky wrote an analysis of the relationship of forces in Europe and the problems of the working class confronted by Bonapartism and Fascism. This study, obviously not applicable to present events in their entirety, unless retains an essential element in so many respects as to the extracts which we reproduce with a particular timeliness which will, moreover, be of value in facilitating an understanding of the turbulent events occurring before our eyes.

...will resort to a general strike. But this too is an empty threat. We have heard it more than once in Germany. The general strike cannot be produced out of one's vest pocket. The workers may be led to a general strike, but to do so one must fight and not play hide and seek with reality; a call to battle must be issued, one must organize for the struggle, arm for the struggle, widen and deepen the channel of struggle, not confine oneself to the legal forms of struggle, i. e., the framework dictated by the armed enemy. And first of all, the party itself must be permeated through and through with the idea that unless it engages in a decisive battle, it is lost.

A United Front on Austria

Pious resolutions approving the action of the Austrian proletariat in fighting determinedly against Fascism are already plentiful. Internally disrupted demonstrations of protest against the bloody terror of Dollfus have already disgraced the workers' movement in New York. In any concrete sense the American working class has thus far done exceedingly little to demonstrate the concern it must feel for the fate of its brother class, now courageously defending the interests of the world proletariat.

There is no time to waste in bringing aid and comfort to the workers of Austria. Messages of sympathy and encouragement, really powerful mass demonstrations of protest and solidarity, even material assistance can be sent from this country to Austria. The fact that a government censorship exists and that the usual facilities of communication are closed, does not make such collaboration in this momentous struggle impossible. There are technical means available for carrying out every desirable action. Only the will is necessary.

The time has come once again when all efforts must be directed toward bringing about a united, militant, powerful mass participation in the struggle against Fascist reaction. Only such a united front will enable the American workers to make to the Austrian struggle the contribution which it should be their pride to make.

To bring this and about, a united front conference is necessary at once. The Communist party, the Socialist party, A. F. L. unions, every other working class organization should participate. Despite the many important differences among them—and no united front can be permitted to obscure these—there is a basis for joint action in this all-important matter. The active support of the fighting Austrian workers, the smashing of Austrian Fascism, for the crushing of counter-revolutionary

Cops Slug Workers In Austria Protest

Demonstrating their solidarity with their heroic Austrian comrades, 5,000 militant workers paraded to the Austrian Consulate at 5 P. M., Wed., Feb. 14, where they were joined by thousands of others. Several hundred police, mounted and on foot, brutally charged into the crowd again and again in an effort to stop one of the most militant demonstrations ever seen in N. Y. C. Carrying red flags and banners, denouncing Fascism and pledging solidarity with their comrades on the barricades in Austria, the workers kept their lines solid and marched around the block where the Consulate is located.

The demonstration which was originally called by the S.P. & Y.P.R.L. was supported by all Left wing workers and was a splendid united front action, marred only by the efforts of the Stalinists to disrupt the Socialist marching lines. Members of the Communist League succeeding in getting leaders of the

Show Proletarian War In War Against Fascism

The eleventh hour has struck in Austria.

With a superb heroism which has evoked the grudging admiration of even the capitalist press abroad, the Austrian proletariat is fighting desperately for its life. And what deathless pages it is writing with its own blood! What a thrilling spirit of selfless sacrifice, fearlessness and determination it is displaying! What militant in the ranks of the working class all over the world does not feel his blood pound furiously, and his pride rise at the thought of being a soldier in that international army whose vanguard battle the Austrian workers are now fighting!

The honor of the proletariat, besmirched by its established leaders in Germany who last year dragged it in the mud of capitulation and needless defeat, is being retrieved by the nameless immortals on Aus-

trian monuments to an unmolested "going over into socialism." At Brenner Pass, the artillery of Solmi's legions points down menacingly upon the civil war in Austria, ready at a moment's notice to fire into the ranks of the proletariat. At the North it is threatened by the Hitler bands. From the West looms the threat of Bereng's army of the international counter-revolution to occupy any of Austria over which the red will float.

Drunk with the knowledge of resources upon which he can draw—not so much for his own preservation as for the crushing of rebels—the repulsive dwarf who momentarily clothed with the authority of the Chancellorship is seeking to escape obscurely by safe To the laurels of a miniature Napoleon he must needs add the reputation of a Gallifet. Blinded by