

# Conspiracy of Imperialism

In the All-India Trade Union Congress.

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The announcement of the Simon Commission and the ignoble part played by the labor-imperialist leadership of British labor exposed the character of the right wing socialist and labor movement in England. Macdonald allied himself with Birkenhead-Baldwin, not as an individual but as the personified expression of a definite tendency in the right wing socialist movement of Europe.

This movement is mainly represented by the Second International of Labor and Socialist parties of Europe, with its head-quarters in Amsterdam, and by the International Federation of Trade Unions, Amsterdam. What is the activity of these two bodies and in what way are we affected by them?

The achievements of these two institutions speak their character. The Second International supported the white terrorist governments of Poland, Austria, Lithuania to suppress democracy and popular institutions, to shoot down workers and subject them all to the control of the Imperialists of the post-war period. The international Federation of Trade Unions is the labor-mask worn by Imperialism to hood-wink the unwary. The I. F. T. U. is practically dominated by the British and German Trade Unions, under the leadership of Macdonalds. Naturally, the result is that it acts in close co-operation with Geneva, the avowedly open show of the league of Nations and is opposed to the radical movements of National Emancipation in the colonial countries.

*We are immediately threatened by the spreading network of these bodies.*

The new economic policy of world Imperialism is to industrialize and exploit their colonial possessions. This intense gravitation of capital to the colonies and the Eastern countries particularly, intensifies the national struggle, as it has done in India, China, Persia, in the small mid-American states etc. Industrialization and exploitation require normal peaceful conditions, therefore, the heavy iron hand with which nationalist out-bursts are being put down all the world over. It also means that Imperialism must see that labor movements and mass activities do not assume anti-imperialist character. And Imperialism has arranged to do this partly through heavy repression and partly through the Second International, the I. F. T. U. and such other right wing elements in the leadership of world-labor, like Macdonald,

Lansbury, Bevin, Sassenbach and a host of them, scattered through-out the world.

In order to give effect to this mental conspiracy and orientation to Imperialism on the part of the right wing labour of Europe, the I. F. T. U. last year in its Paris session passed a resolution to make intense efforts to bring all the colonial trade union movements in its fold and the honour of initiating the move was taken by the General Council of the British Congress.

They started to draw into their net China, India, Africa, Java etc. China refused to be beguiled, in Africa the radical active elements, wishing to give a direct fight to white domination were expelled from the movement to secure affiliation. Java showed a cold shoulder. Dutch Imperialism shot Javanese Hindus and Muslims by thousands. The I.F.T.U. and the 2nd International sat amusingly looking on in Amsterdam under the very breach of Dutch Imperialism. And now remains India.

The plan is deep laid to draw India into the net of the 2nd International and the I. F. T. U. and the Macdonalites. The Simon Commission has centered the attention of all on the National Congress and the boycott agitation. The All-India Trade Union Congress is already neglected by the Major part of the nationalist leadership, though the T. U. C. represents an affiliated membership of over 2 lac.

At such an opportune time of Macdonalites, in conjunction with the I. F. T. U. have shipped here Messrs Purcell, Halsworth, Fenner Brockway, Thurtle, Mardy Jones, a whole wagon-load of 'labor leaders', to study Indian conditions. A real drama of hood-wink started. One supported the Commission, another waxed hot against Imperialism, a third grew indignant at the Indian C. I. D., a fourth wept over the bad housing conditions and quietly all are moving with the bosses of the All-India Trade Union Congress to secure Indian affiliation to the I. F. T. U. at Amsterdam.

Purcell, whom the "HERALD" (Bombay) exposed on his very coming, was the President of the Paris session of the I.F.T.U. and is probably deputed with a double game. At the Cawnpore session of the T. U. C. he tried hard to avoid condemnation of the Macdonalites re. the Simon Commission and if possible boycott also. But, the bosses of the T. U. C. though privately agreeing much with Purcell could not go so far for fear of the people. Now Purcell is playing another game. And it is to draw the Indian labour movement in the fold of the British right wingers and make it safe for Imperialism and the next labor-Imperialist govt. of England.

Very few of people in the country are alive to the implications of our affiliation with the Amsterdamites. Very few have paid any attention to the subtle game of Imperialism being played under masks.

The I. F. T. U. miserably failed to give a successful lead to the British miners. It failed to give a correct policy to the German people against American Imperialism. It has failed to help the Chinese and Javanese masses. What can we expect from a body under the thumb of Purcell & Co., the League of Nations working through Geneva labor office ?

A host of locusts once started to study the conditions of the green trees in India. They brought fraternal greetings from the trees of their country. Our leaves embraced them with open hearts. The locusts opened their mouths and studied them profoundly ! The locust understood the leaf completely well ! They were united. Only, the leaf did not survive to understand the locust and exchange fraternal greetings. It was being digested by the brother sitting on the **once green** stump on the tree ! Our Indian brothers must beware of the locust trees in Br. Labor leaders.

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