

The Tasks Facing 7th World Congress Of the Comintern

**Pieck, Dimitrov, Ercoli and Manuilsky Will
Deliver the Four Main Reports at Meeting—
Communist Units Must Discuss Issues**

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The Seventh Congress of the Communist International will soon be held. The tasks which the delegates must solve are enormous.

The first question on the Agenda is the Report of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.

This will be presented by Comrade Pieck of the German Communist Party. He will consider the world-shaking events which have occurred since the Sixth Congress held in 1928.

In 1928, the stabilization of capitalism which had lasted for several years after the war collapsed.

Recall the debates of the Sixth Congress! Therein can be found an analysis of the then existing economic situation and a clearly formulated prediction of the depression which was actually realized in 1929.

Past Seven Years

These are the characteristics of the seven years which have passed since the last Congress: the present depression which passed into a world crisis; consequently, a pro-

found intensification of social and political unrest; a decided growth of fascism which has enveloped almost all of Europe; the mad race for armaments between every imperialist nation; a remarkable development of socialism in the U. S. S. R. and the triumphant fulfillment of two successive Five Year Plans; a grave crisis in the Second International and, finally, the suc-

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cess of the united working class front (in France).

As can be seen, the Congress must examine a supremely important chapter in world history in order to fully reap every tactical lesson therefrom. It is certain that the proletariat will hereafter engage in struggles for power and the lessons of the last seven years of class struggles will not be forgotten by the revolutionary workers.

Unity Against Fascism

The second question to be discussed at the Congress will be **The Fascist Offensive and the Tasks of the Communist International in the Struggle for the Unity of the Working Class Against Fascism.**

This report will be delivered by our glorious friend, Dimitrov. Here also the scope of the study is considerable. It is the task of the man who faced Goering to determine both the evolution of the decaying bourgeoisie to the depths of fascism and the methods of struggle by which the proletariat will wipe out this pestilence.

The Congress will consider the various forms of class conflict by which fascism came to power in Germany and Austria. It will inquire into the question why the regime of Mussolini has held on to its power in Rome. It will study the details of the anti-fascist struggle in France and Spain. Our French Party should, on this point, explain the reasons for the successful establishment of the united front whereby until now the road to fascism in France has been barred. What future tactics should be pursued in the struggle against fascism? What are the special tasks of the Communists in the United Front and the Peoples Front? What are the world perspectives of fascism? Such are the intense problems which will be examined by Dimitrov for the consideration and decisions of the delegates at the Congress.

Imperialist War Menace

The Menace of Imperialist War and the Tasks of the Communist International will be the third question undertaken by the Congress.

This will be explained by Comrade Ercoli of the Communist Party of Italy. Every worker understands the extreme importance of this report. The attempt of imperialism in every country is to exalt chauvinism and militant nationalism. The masses must be duped, deflected from class struggle, obliged to accept their increasing misery, unemployment, privations, the intense exploitation of which they are the victims. War-mongers are set loose among the people. Frenzied chauvinism appears. The falsest demagoguery is smuggled in by means of the most noble phrases. We begin to hear about honor, national independence, traditions, the glory of the race.

Comrade Ercoli's report will unmask the shameful trickery of this policy. But he will also handle the question of revolutionary policy during the next world war for which the capitalists are even now preparing by their mad race for armaments. The recent discussion on the Stalin-Laval communique has shown the extreme complexity of this problem for which the Communist International will provide a correct, realistic and revolutionary answer in accordance with the concrete conditions of the present situation.

What should be the attitude of workers and peasants to an actual and definite conflict, not to war in general, to an abstract war having no determinate space and time? This attitude cannot be the same if it is a matter of a war by one imperialist nation against another, or of an imperialist invasion of the Soviet Union, or of a country which

has signed, even though for its own ends, a pact with the Soviet Union.

The Building of Socialism

The fourth question **The Balance Sheet of the Building of Socialism in the Soviet Union** will be discussed by Comrade Manuilsky whose task it will be to speak before the Seventh Congress about the fulfillment of the two Five Year Plans in the U. S. S. R. At this moment when the Soviet Union is so directly menaced with destruction by Japanese, Hitlerist and British imperialism, Comrade Manuilsky will summarize the work of this giant of a hundred nationalities which is building socialism with such enthusiasm.

Both now and during the whole Congress, every unit in our party should put on their agenda the same questions as those faced by

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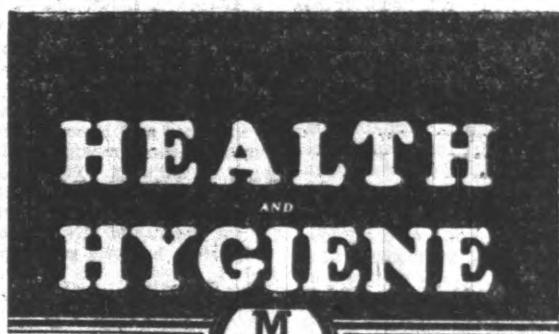
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the delegates of the Seventh Congress. We must discuss and study from every angle; we must participate in elaborating the conclusions and the slogans for action with which all of us will be engaged in the immediate future.

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