

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATTEOTTI COMMITTEE.

(To combat Fascism and assist its Victims).

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The Secretary,
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11th October 1933.

ENTRADA. 16 OCT. 1933

Dear Comrade,

Número 105/4

Our Committee, referring to our previous letter to you, dated 20th September, would be pleased to know what assistance your Party is giving to the Protest Day in favour of the Victims of Italian Fascism.

X A reply on this point would indeed greatly oblige us. X

As you are aware, the date fixed, 29 October, records the day when the present king of Italy called Mussolini to power, thus morally abdicating in favour of the rule of violence. On 29th October it was then, practically, sown the seed of that disease, Fascism, which is now tormenting Europe.

The Spanish Nation so vigorously advancing towards Liberty and your Party which such a glorious record of deeds, we feel sure, would assist the Italian Comrades in elevating this Protest.

Letters from Scandinavian Countries to us express the view that Fascism in Germany is more ferocious than in Italy. Germany has a larger population and therefore the number of persons suffering now is bound to be greater. Germany also has had a better Press. Italy now, like Spain in days ago, was a little ignored. Further, Fascism was born in Italy and it must be abated in Italy for the good of all Europe.

Our Committee awaits with great interest your reply.

Fraternally yours,

E. Sylvia Pankhurst

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INTERNATIONAL PROTEST DAY.

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Fascism denies and destroys all freedom of thought, party, press, association; exploits and enslaves the workers; tramples on every popular liberty won during the last two centuries; re-establishes the juridical concepts of the Middle Ages; is guilty of the maltreatment and murder of its political opponents.

The Italian Political Victims upheld by a high faith in human destiny, have for eleven years resisted unprecedented torture and persecution. Unmentionable cruelties have been used against them; their jailors have even resorted to the iniquity of injecting iodine into the veins of prisoners to extort confessions. Over them lies the agonising sorrow that their families, isolated from friends, surrounded by Fascist hatred, the object of continual menace, daily face the risk of death or violent assault and suffer a miserable poverty every day intensified. Their heroic endurance should be made known to all the world.

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Our Committee does not forget that the German people also lately entered upon the same tragic road. We express our solidarity with their suffering and with every protest made by the civilised world against the newly risen barbarism. Yet we deem it opportune to issue this appeal for remembrance and support for those who have remained staunch under the same tyranny since 1922.

We urge that in every centre of Italian emigration, and wherever opponents of Fascism are to be found, demonstrations should be organised demanding full and complete amnesty for all victims of Italian Fascism, making known that despite the much vaunted recent amnesty, the majority of the prisoners are still incarcerated and that the few who were liberated from the dungeons were mostly taken to immediate internment on the terrible Penal islands.

This protest should sound, not the humble plea of the vanquished, but the insistent demand of free persons, and the firm assertion that all these political sentences were unjust. The demonstrations of October 29th should be a great rallying call to united struggle against Fascism.

Our Committee also urges that collections be made for the political victims of Italy and their families. In this dark hour, when Fascism extends its conquests, every comrade of our faith should throw the golden chain he wears into the common offering.

We call for the collaboration of class conscious workers in all countries, for, in supporting those who defend freedom, they defend themselves. We make the same appeal to all forward political organisations, humanitarians and upholders of individual freedom. We ask the assistance of writers and speakers in making known the true condition of the Italian people and the menace of Fascism to the world.

We request the Press of all parties to give prominence to this appeal, to open collections for the Victims and to give free advance notices of demonstrations held on the International Day.

The monies collected on the day of demonstration should be sent to whichever already existing fund for the Victims of Italian Fascism the promoters of the collection prefer. Collections sent to this Committee should be sent to our Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Patricia French Barrass, Broadway House, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, and will be forwarded where, in the Committee's opinion, the need is greatest.

Our plea is not issued on behalf of any particular section of the victims, but on behalf of all. We are asking all to unite, without distinction, in the common cause.

We urge those whom this appeal reaches to secure its reproduction in other journals, and to bring it to the notice of every organisation or sympathetic individual with whom they are in touch.

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PROTESTATION MONDIALE EN FAVEUR DES VICTIMES DU FASCISM EN ITALIE.

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Le Comité International Feminin MATTEOTTI demande avec instance que la journée du 29 octobre soit consacrée a une protestation Mondiale en faveur des Victimes du Fascism en Italie souffrant dans les prisons et les îles de deportation.

Le Fascism denie et detruit toute liberté de pensée, de parti, de presse, d'association; il exploite et asservit les travailleurs, foule aux pieds chaque liberté populaire conquise pendant les deux derniers siècles, retablit les concepts juridiques du Moyen-Age; il est coupable du mauvais traitement et du meurtre de ses adversaires politiques.

Notre Comité n'oublie pas que le Peuple Allemand s'est engagé lui aussi dernièrement sur la meme route tragique. Nous exprimons notre solidarité pour ses souffrances et pour toutes les protestations faites par le monde civilisé contre le barbarisme qui vient de surgir. Nous croyons pourtant qu'il est opportun de lancer cet appel en signe de souvenir et d'appuis a ceux qui sont restés fermes sous la meme tyrannie depuis 1922.

Nous prions instamment que dans chaque centre d'emigration italienne et partout ou se trouvent des adversaires du Fascism, on organise des manifestations demandant L'AMNISTIE PLEINE ET ENTIERE pour toutes les Victimes du Fascism Italien et qu'on fasse savoir que malgré la recente amnistie tant vantée, la majorité des prisonniers sont encore incarcérés et que les quelques uns qui ont été libérés des donjons ont été pour la plupart internés immédiatement dans les terribles îles penales.

Les sommes provenant des collectes faites le jour de la manifestation devrait être envoyées a n'importe quel fonds existant déjà pour les Victimes du Fascism Italien, selon la preference des organisateurs de la collecte. L'argent envoyé a notre Comité devrait adressé a notre Tresoriere Honoraire: Mrs Patricia French Barrass, Broadway House, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham, England. Le Comité le fera parvenir la ou il jugera que le besoin est plus grand.

Notre appel n'est pas fait en faveur d'un groupe particulier de Victimes, mais en faveur de toutes. Nous demandons a tous de s'unir, sans distinction, pour la cause commune.

Au nom du Comité: le Secretaire Honoraire:

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20th September 1933.

ENTRADA 25 SEPT. 1933

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Dear Comrade,

X Au nom du mon Comité je vous prie de porter a la connaissance officielle de la Direction de Votre Parti la proposition faite dans le Manifesto que je vous envoie ici meme. Cet-a-dire que la journée du 29 octobre soit dediée a une protestation mondiale en faveur des Victimes du Fascisme en Italie.

Cette date, comme vous savez a une signification historique, qui, a son tour, donne valeur a notre protestation.

Notre Appel a l'approbation de la Concentrazione Anti-fascista de Paris et du Parti Socialiste Italien. Nous vous prions d'entrer en relation avec le Secrétaire de ~~ce~~ ~~ce~~ Parti pour prendre des mesures en faveur de notre appel.

Mon Comité compte sur Votre appui et espère voir des Demonstrations anti-fasciste dans toute l'Espagne.

Avec les remerciements de mon Comité,

Fraternellement a Vous,

E. Sylvia Pankhurst.

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Prière d'accuser reception de cette lettre
E.S.P.

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Estimados camaradas :

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Cordialmente vuestros y del socialismo,

El secretario,