

# URGENT APPEAL.

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FELLOW WORKERS,

In the name of humanity and international brotherhood, we earnestly beg of you to protest energetically to the Japanese Ambassador in London against the unjust and barbarous penalty of death pronounced upon Dr. Denjiro Kotoku, his wife, and twenty-four other Socialists and Anarchists.

Dr. Kotoku, his wife, and their friends were brought before a court specially appointed for the purpose, judged guilty of plotting against the Imperial family, and sentenced to death on November 9. The fact that it was an unusual judicial procedure shows that the proof of the alleged crime was weak.

Denjiro Kotoku is a man who has devoted himself to intellectual pursuits, and has tried to popularise Western ideas in Japan. His "crime" consists in educating the workers and helping them to fight their exploiters and oppressors. We are convinced that the charge of conspiracy against the Emperor is false, and has simply been used as a pretext to crush the workers and prevent the growth of freedom in Japan.

Kotoku's condemnation marks the climax of the reaction against advanced ideas which has taken place in Japan during the last few years.

As international fighters for freedom, we are not willing to have our friends in Japan fall victims to the reactionary forces. Shall the Japanese Government imitate the barbarous methods of Spain and Russia, and do to death their scholars and thinkers? We must act swiftly and vigorously in the cause of humanity and civilisation, and we would suggest that from all meetings urgent protests be sent to the Japanese Ambassador. There is no time to be lost.

We see in every country the same brutal suppression of all who seek to enlighten and emancipate the workers. The terrible murder of our comrade Francisco Ferrer is still fresh in the memory of every one. We must organise *our* strength even as our enemies, the reactionaries, are organised against us.

Fellow workers, let your voices be heard in protest against the bloodthirsty suppression of your brethren!

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A GREAT

PUBLIC PROTEST MEETING

WILL BE HELD AT

**THE HALL, 107 CHARLOTTE ST.**

(Near Tottenham Court Road),