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The Italian Socialist Party's organ, "The Third Front", announces the revival of the General Labour Confederation, the Socialist trade-union organization which was dissolved by Fascism in 1926. The revival took place at a secret conference in which delegates from about a hundred factories in Turin, Milan, Genoa, Spazio, Trieste, Leghorn, Rome and Naples took part. Despite the present transport difficulties in Italy and the rigorous police surveillance, the conference was held without incident. It launched an appeal to Italian workers inciting them to the struggle against the war and Fascism. "The revival of the General Labour Confederation means", says the appeal, "that the Socialist proletarian vanguard has joined forces with the strata of political workers and is reorganising them against the Fascist State. As a result of the audacious action of the General Labour Confederation, the Fascist trade-unions are breaking up everywhere, many Fascist workers are following our watchwords, and even ~~many~~ the lesser Fascist union leaders are coming under the influence of Socialist propaganda and are organising actions demonstrations and protests against the big industrialists and the State." The appeal declares that the General Labour Confederation has come back to life with a spirit freed from the old weaknesses. "The nameless sufferings inflicted on us by the inhuman and reactionary Fascist dictatorship have not been in vain. The Socialist trade-unions are being reborn in Italy by the initiative of workers and intellectuals who in prisons and in the deportation islands have reached a complete revision of the old political and trade-union conceptions." "The old reformism is dead, continues the appeal. In Italy there is nothing to be reformed, nothing to be given merely a new coat of varnish, everything has got to be rebuilt on new foundations. The trade-unions cannot remain indifferent towards political institutions because experience has shown that no economic improvement can be lasting as long as the state is dominated by the forces of reaction. The old worker agitation must be ~~with~~ banished. The working class must not isolate itself and impose its violent hegemony on ~~peasant~~ farmers, technicians, intellectuals, and all the non-capitalistic sections of the people which in Italy are particularly numerous. An egoistical policy of the working class would bring a new Fascist peril back into our country, even though in another form and under another name." The appeal declares that, just as the Socialist Party intends to promote, in the political field, a united action of all sincerely democratic currents, so the General Labour Confederation in the economic and trade-union field. "The economic advantages and demagogic promises held out to the workers by the Fascist Government do not deceive us", ends the appeal. "In Italy the burning question is not one of ~~insurance~~ or of insurance-policies. These are detailed problems for the economy of to-morrow. The Italian workers farmers and intellectuals are ~~not~~ going to be turned aside from their historic mission for a mess of pottage. Italian Socialism, reborn, brings to the foreground the entire problem of Italian society, the problem of peace and freedom."

*"Free trade-unionism is being renewed in Italy, not merely in the form of an organisation for wages-agitation, but also as a basis for the self-government of the working class. We do not want State control of the trade-unions, we are against the system of State control; we are for a Socialist Republic of federalist structure in which trade-unions, cooperatives and guilds will ensure the control and working of economy."