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Russia

# Rallies support fighting unions

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**On March 18 in Russia national rallies in solidarity with fighting unions were called by Ford union leader Alexei Etmanov. In St. Petersburg, Samara, Voronezh, and Surgut there were rallies organised by the unions and left groups.**

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In Moscow about 1,000 took part in a big rally in Heroes of 1905 Square. The preparation committee for this brought together several unions and political groups: VKT (All Russian Confederation of Labour), the Zachita union, the VPERED group, the Communist Workers Party and the Revolutionary Workers Party. They distributed 15,000 leaflets in all the big factories in the city.

The rally was co-chaired by Vsevolod Sergeev of VPERED. Masha Kurzina, editor of a union magazine and Ilya Budratskis from VPERED spoke in the rally.

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