

Red Leaders Avow Destruction Is Aim in Seeking to Enter the International Labor Movement

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Falsity of the claim that the communist trade unionists are honest seekers after unity with the world labor movement is demonstrated by the International Federation of Trade Unions, which quotes communist leaders and organs to prove that the "Reds" are attempting to enter the trade union movement only to disrupt and destroy it.

Losovsky, the secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions published a pamphlet treating of the negotiations for unity between the Russian unions and the International Federation of Trade Unions. The pamphlet declared that the communists are honest seekers after the unity of the trade unions, while the wicked "Amsterdammers," as it calls the International Federation, was striving to prevent it.

Reds Speak for Themselves.

In reply, the International Federation, from its headquarters in Amsterdam, Holland, stated that it preferred not to enter into any controversy on the subject of the communist aim in seeking to enter the labor movement but would let the communist leaders speak for themselves. The federation proceeded to quote recent declarations of the communists in which the aim of disruption and destruction is frankly avowed. Some of the quotations follow:

Losovsky, the secretary of the Red International of Labor Unions, says: "The most important thing for us is whether the proposal which we shall make to the Amsterdammers will enable us to get into closed touch with the masses in the Reformists' unions. We are interested to see whether it will be possible, on the basis of our proposals, to force our way into the Reformist unions, whether it will be possible, at the risk of enduring two or three days in the company of Messrs. Jouhaux & Co., to win more sympathy from the working class * * *"

"The very last thing I think of is the liquidation of the R. I. L. U. Our policy will have precisely the opposite effect; it will liquidate the Amsterdam International. I am quite sure of that * * * "We make no fetish of unity. We are for it, because it offers a possibility of widening the sphere of action of Communism." (Pravda of June 15th.)

"The fight for unity means an enormous increase in our revolutionary energy. I might have described our task in the following words: 'For tooth—two teeth; for one eye—the whole snout' ('waju mordn'). That is the way to fight the Reformists. If the communists stay in the Reformist trade unions, they do so for the sake of turning the whole organization topsy turvy, driving the Reformists out of it, and concentrating the whole energy of the revolutionary section of the working class upon the winning of the masses." ("Trud" of July 13th.) (N. B.—"Trud" is the official journal of the Russian trade unions.)

United Front Only Camouflage.

Sinoviev, president of the Communist International, says: "It is evident that many comrades have not grasped the fact that the policy of the united front is for the communist party merely a method of agitation, a means of mobilizing the masses."

"I know that many left-wing comrades simply detest the policy of the united front. To console them, I can only say that for us the policy of the united front and the labor government is merely a means of mobilizing and organizing the masses of the workers. They do not like this method. Very good; I propose the following compromise: As soon as they have won over the great majority of workers in their country, we will at once release them from the necessity of pursuing the policy of the united front. If they really want to win over to our side the majority of the most important sections of the working class, they don't be so squeamish about this policy, ut in the most important countries, we have not got the majority of the workers on our side. We must manage to get into touch with the masses of the workers as they are, to win them over and bring them into the class fight; then, and then only, shall we be able to change our policy." ("Pravda," June 24th.)

"If any one really thinks there is a chance of an honest alliance with the Amsterdammers, he is quite mistaken. If I had really desired union with the Amsterdammers, I ought to be thrown out. At any rate, that is what I should do with any one who desired unity with them." ("Pravda," July 15th.)

Offering Hand to the "Enemy."

Tomski, president of the All-Russian Trade Union Council: "At this moment we can do no other than explain to the workers that, in view of the offensive of capital, which is aimed at the ultimate enslavement of the workers, we are offering our hand for the first time to our enemies. Yes, we do not conceal it to our enemies, the Reformists, we offer our hand, and say: Millions of workers are still following you, you have many great and important organizations; we have an enormous and colossal influence over millions of workers, we have fought you and shall fight you; as before we shall not pardon a single one of your

errors, each step which you take we shall show in its true colors to the working classes, your half-heartedness, your inconsistencies, your fatal ideas of tacit alliance with the bourgeoisie; but in the interests of the masses of the workers we still propose to join you in war against capitalism.

Reds Must Storm Amsterdam Camp.

"We have never for one single moment refrained, we do not refrain now, and we never shall refrain from remorselessly exposing before the eyes of the masses of the workers every half-hearted action, every inconsistency of the Reformists and contrasting them with our own steadfast, consistent, and revolutionary communist class-front. We have never refrained from doing this, and we never shall. The reformists may be traitors, but they have workers behind them, and therefore we will

MEXICO PAYS HIGH HONORS TO AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

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Mexico City, Dec. 11.—With President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor as the central figure, the demonstration following the inauguration of General Plutarco Calles as president of Mexico takes its place in history. The inauguration itself in a monster stadium was historic from the labor point of view. President Gompers and the members of the A. F. of L. executive committee occupied prominent seats on the platform. Union banners floated everywhere. The enormous throng, the bright colors, the gay uniforms, gave the event at once a holiday appearance and a dramatic tone.

Gompers Shares in Big Ovation.

President Gompers and Deputy Morones, who was recently wounded by a wound-belt assassin, came from the platform following President Calles and General Obregon, whom Calles succeeded as president of Mexico. All four were given tremendous ovations, but at night after the inauguration there was a gathering in the ministry of foreign relations that capped the day's great events. There President Calles received three hundred high army officers. At 10 o'clock a car was sent for Mr. Gompers. Mr. Gompers was ready to retire, but he dressed and went to the ministry of foreign relations. As Mr. Gompers looked on, the great mass of army officers joined themselves arm in arm and swore to stand unitedly behind Calles as they had behind Obregon. Then Calles, Obregon and Gompers went on the balcony overlooking the street which was packed with a happy mass of humanity which cheered and yelled bravos.

Mr. Gompers stood in the center of the trio. To tremendous cheering he clasped the hands of Obregon and Calles. It was a dramatic scene significant of continuing peace and reconstruction.

Calles Meets Labor Delegates.

Then Gompers, Calles and Obregon retired to another room where Gompers, seated in the great presidential chair, with Obregon and Calles seated on low chairs at either side, conversed fully half an hour before Gompers returned to a large room to shake hands with every army officer in the assemblage.

The day after the inauguration the labor delegates were received by President Calles in the Ambassador's Hall of the National Palace. Calles entered the room arm in arm with Morones. Gompers pinned A. F. of L. and Mexican Federation of Labor badges on Calles and said: "These are the new decorations."

In an address to the assembled delegates, President Calles pledged an era of constructive effort and declared that the fruits of the revolution would never be lost.

Morones Pledges Fight on Reds.

The delegates were then taken to the Xochimilco floating gardens, where Morones in a speech made it clear that foreign trade will not be permitted to undermine the Mexican Federation of Labor or permitted to use Mexico as a route to the United States.

In the opening session of the Pan-American Federation of Labor Morones repeated his defiance of the Reds and also exhortations to those in Mexico who themselves are unable to achieve constructive organization but seek to tear down the work of others. He declared some of these were on the government payroll and some even had the effrontery to be in the hall while he spoke. He was roundly applauded.

not withdrew from the trade unions. In joint work with them we shall disclose their errors and defects better than ever. We have hitherto fought for their positions by an exchange of artillery fire, but the moment has now come for us to take these positions by storm. Is not Amsterdam something of a fortress? It is a fortress, it is a citadel of reformism, and that man has no notion of the tactics of party conflict, of the duties of class conflict, who refuses to do this, or proposes that our revolutionary trade unions shall refuse to march with closed ranks into the citadel of our foe. That would be a mistake, it would be short-sighted tactics. The man who fails to understand this, fails to understand anything of the duties of labor movement." (Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, July 19th, 1924.)

Through the Glad Eyes of a Woman

By Jane Doe

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And you sink out feeling fifty-seven varieties of a common person.

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Locked-Out Miners In Need; Shoes and Clothing Required

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—The United Mine Workers of America is confronted with a serious situation in the Kanawha Valley coal region in West Virginia, where thousands of miners and their families have been evicted from company-owned homes. The miners have been locked out since the first of April and are penniless.

The International Union is supplying these miners with food at a cost of several thousand dollars a day, but is unable, of course, to provide the unfortunates with shoes and clothing. The locked out men and their families are occupying barracks provided by the union, but are sadly in need of clothing and shoes. An appeal has been sent out by Percy Tetlow, president of the district, and Will C. Thompson, the secretary-treasurer. Reports received at the international union here indicate that the appeal is being generally heeded by union organizations over the country.

The coal companies used the old time Czaristic methods of trying to break the strike. Heads of families were notified that unless they returned to work within five days at a reduction in wages and without any union recognition they would be removed, with their families, from their homes without further process, legal or otherwise.

This edict was carried out by bands of men posing as detectives, heavily armed, and in some cases accompanied by bloodhounds to terrorize the miners. The action created the bitterest of feelings and to prevent bloodshed the officials of the miners appealed to the governor and the attorney general. The latter issued an opinion which stopped, for a time, the illegal evictions, but not before thousands of families were compelled to leave their homes and camp wherever they could find a space of ground not company owned.

It is believed that great suffering will prevail in the valley this winter unless something is done speedily to alleviate the conditions of the union miners there.

Cow Is Quite Sensitive

Milking has much to do with securing a heavy and persistent flow of milk. The dairy cow is an extremely sensitive piece of animal machinery. Any changes are quickly registered on the milk-flow regulator and the yield is cut down. In order not to jar the cow's sensibilities she must be milked in the same place at regular times and by the same milker.

BILL BROWN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

BILL BROWN made a million, Bill Brown, think of that, A boy, you remember, as poor as a rat, Who hoed for the neighbors, did jobs by the day; Well, Bill's made a million, or near it, they say. You can't understand it? Well, neither could I. And then I remembered, and now I know why; The bell might be ringing, the dinner-horn blow, But Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

Bill worked for my father, you maybe recall. He wasn't a wonder, not that, not at all! He couldn't out-hoe me, or cover more ground, Or hoe any cleaner, or beat me around; In fact, I was better one way that I knew— Getting back to the house when the dinner-horn blew. One foot from the kitchen and home I would go; But Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

We used to get hungry out there in the corn. You talk about music—what equals a horn, A horn yelling dinner, tomatoes and beans, And pork and potatoes and gravy and greens? I ain't blaming no one for quitting on time; To stop with the whistle, that ain't any crime. But, as for that million—well, this much I know; That Bill always hoed to the end of the row.

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Her Walk

I have seen her in those high-and-behold Russian boots looking like a tight-rope dancer or a bear on hot bricks.

It's a kind of breathless walk and you have an idea that you ought to report her to the Darwinian society, for you are sure she must have a specially designed toe nail capable of supporting the entire weight of one lady person.

Which would be an ideal little bit of palpitation if she didn't tight-lace it and feed it on sticky novelties.

And expect a man to be a Romeo when he is only a drummer traveling in mousetraps.

She almost lets this aforesaid heart go to seed because she is afraid of giving it away—for nothing.

When she is about nineteen she proclaims to all whom it may concern that she will only do business with a millionaire or an heir to a baronetcy.

When she gets to twenty-six she lets it rest against the heart-beats of the man who sells mousetraps.


Which goes to show you that a camouflaged heart, above all other camouflaged things, need never be taken too seriously.

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