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ARTICLE GIVES HIGH-LIGHTS ON SWEDISH LABOR GROUP

New York City.—The Swedish organized labor movement is comparatively larger than ours, is more centralized, and is but one of four workers' movements.

These are the conclusions reached by Arnold S. Zander, president of the AFL's State, County, and Municipal Employees Union, in the second of six articles prepared for the Workers Education Bureau of America on the general topic, "Sweden: Laboratory in Economic Democracy."

Portions of Mr. Zander's article, which is devoted chiefly to a comparison between the Swedish labor movement and trade union organization in the United States, are as follows:

"There are approximately one and one-half million organized workers in Sweden. To be as well organized in proportion to population we should need to have twenty-five million members.

"In Sweden there is one general movement except for a structural division between what they call workers and employes—what we might call workers and white collar workers.

"One often hears it said that Sweden is small and homogeneous and therefore can not be compared with our country. The fact remains that workers are far better organized in Sweden and their practices are adaptable. Certainly, in our country we should have a united labor movement. Swedish labor has more authority in its central organization. We should have. They give over-all consideration to other matters affecting workers than just legislation. We could too.

"One marked difference Sweden and the United States is that in Sweden there is not only an organized labor movement, but three other workers' movements. The common people in Sweden are organized in trade unions, consumer co-operatives, the workers' education association, and a political organization.

"Perhaps because there are several worker's movements one gets the feeling that not only is their trade union movement tremendously important, but that it is part of something still larger and generally inclusive which assures progressive development on a very wide front.

"Generally, membership in unions in Sweden is voluntary, yet the membership problem has been substantially solved. In one union after another I found that the organizing job is practically finished.

"It is the position of Swedish labor that action on the part of one union which would affect workers in other organizations must be cleared through the central organization. The central federation is much better financed than is our American Federation of Labor. Defense funds are maintained which can be used in strikes or in case of other major difficulty in any affiliated organization.

"One interesting phenomenon is that Swedish labor is jealous of its independence and resists government interference. Trade unionists in Sweden favor government ownership of monopoly businesses. They take the position that such businesses are not part of the competitive enterprise system and therefore should not be privately owned. But they want government to stop at that point and not interfere with labor relations in private competitive enterprise. They have been successful in this."

CAL. FEDERATION REFUSES SEATING OF RED DELEGATES

Sacramento, Calif.—The California State Federation of Labor refused to seat a duly elected delegate to its annual convention here on a finding that he is a Communist.

Credentials of Virgil Cole, member of the Oroville Carpenters Union, were rejected on grounds that he openly solicited members for the Communist party and adhered to the party line.

Three other delegates were cleared of similar charges, according to James H. Blackburn of Long Beach, chairman of the credentials committee.

Following this announcement the convention received a resolution calling for a vigorous campaign against Communism.

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