

way against a misstatement published in the No. 12 of our paper, regarding the Socialist movement in Greece, which is the country I came from.

The "Kinonia" (Society) is a yellow paper belonging to the yellow socialist, Yanios, whose party—the Socialist Party of Greece—is advocating a "two-and-a-half" International, and has sent its delegates to the yellow socialists' conference in Vienna.

The above "Kinonia" and S. P. of Greece are constantly disclaiming and insulting the Third International and Communism, advocating at the same time bourgeois patriotism and bourgeois democracy.

The only red organization in Greece in the Socialist Labor Communist Party, 14 Euripides St., Athens, which is a branch of the Balkan Communist Federation, and is the Greek section of the Communist International of Moscow. Its special delegation to the Second Congress at Moscow, headed by the C. D. Lygdopoulos, on its way from Moscow to Greece, has been murdered two weeks ago on board a ship in the Black Sea, undoubtedly by secret agents of the French and English Governments for reasons we do not know yet.

The above party in the last elections polled nearly 120,000 votes, or a third of the votes cast in the industrial centres in Greece. Its official organ is the weekly "Ergaticos Agon" (Workers' Struggle), besides the daily "Rizospastis" (Radical) controlled also by the same party.

I beg you to kindly give the necessary publicity to the above for the rehabilitation of truth.

Yours very truly,  
M. P.

#### TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF ITALY

Comrades Bombacci, Bordiga, Taracini, and others.

Dear Comrades:

The Executive Committee of the Communist International expresses itself in fullest solidarity with you and sends you its fraternal greetings. Your party is the only section of the Communist International in Italy. We are confident that the class conscious workers of your country will join your ranks. The union of Serratti and his group with the reformists' section will show to all that the Italian section of the Unitarian Centrists is nearer to the bourgeois reformist elements than to the proletarian Communists. The Communist International will draw the cor-

responding conclusions from this fact. Be firm, comrades, now that all the forces of the bourgeoisie with its many and various agents are mobilized against your party. The Communist workers of all the world are with you. The future belongs to you and not to those who want, in some form or another, through the reformists, to come to terms with the bourgeoisie.

Long live the Communist Party of Italy!

Long live the Italian proletariat!

The Executive Committee of the  
Communist International

G. ZINOVIEV, Chairman.

#### 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARIS COMMUNE

To All Parties and Organizations Affiliated  
with the III. International

#### COMRADES:

This spring will be the 50th anniversary of the Paris Commune. Half a century has passed since the Paris workers, for the first time in history, rose against the bourgeoisie and seized power. The Paris Communards have written a page of undying glory in the golden book of the international proletarian movement. They have been the predecessors and forerunners of the present proletarian revolution in Russia and all over the world. In

Paris, which is the seat of international reaction today, fifty years ago the proud red banner was raised, for which tens of thousands of the glorious Parisian proletarians perished.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International appeals to all conscious workers of the world to celebrate solemnly the 50th anniversary of the Paris Commune. The Executive Committee of the Communist International decided to dedicate to this anniversary a special number of the *Communist International*.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International has further adopted the following resolution: The Communist workers of the world, united and represented in the Executive Committee of the Communist International, decide to erect a monument to the French Communards in Paris in the name of the Communist International. The Executive Committee of the Communist International takes the initiative in this matter and appeals to the Communist Parties of all countries to start a subscription for this purpose, and the French comrades are asked to assist in the accomplishment of this task.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International waits to see whether the present bourgeois government of France will dare to hinder the international working class from erecting a monument to the heroes of the Paris Commune.

The Executive Committee of the  
Communist International

G. ZINOVIEV, Chairman.

## The Congress, the C. P. A. and Unionism

By LOUIS C. FRAINA

#### FOREWORD.

The statement in the Communist for February 1st, to which Comrade Fraina objects, as misstating his position on

the trade union question at the second Congress of the Communist International, was written by the former Party Editor, in an article dealing with the Unity Question and criticizing the U. C. P. If Comrade Fraina was misrepresented, as he claims, the fault lies wholly in the reports which we received from Moscow, as published in the Pravda. These reports did not distinguish between the position taken by Comrades L. C. Fraina and J. T. Murphy, but severely criticized the whole Anglo-American delegation without exception. Had Comrade Fraina been more diligent in forwarding reports of his activities in Russia, and of the position which he took, together with important documents necessary to keep his party, the C. P. of A., thoroughly informed, as was his unquestioned duty as our delegate, the present misunderstanding could not have arisen.

The former Party Editor's assumption, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, that Comrade Fraina, "could not and

did not represent the party's position" (on the trade union question) at the Second Congress is in part justified by the following statement by Fraina:

"The implication is that I opposed participation in the reactionary trade unions. When I left the United States this was partly true, a relic of my S. L. P. training. But my observations in England and particularly in Germany, prepared me to accept the views of the Russian Comrades in favor of participation, which I did within a week of my arrival in Moscow."

We are pleased to publish Comrade Fraina's reply, first, because it gives Comrade Fraina an opportunity to correct an erroneous impression as to his position on a vital question, and second, because Fraina's reply exposes the non-communist and syndicalist-opportunist position of the U. C. P., proving, if further proof were needed, the contention of the C. P. of A. that the U. C. P. is unfit to lead the communist forces in America. (MOORE—PARTY EDITOR)