

NEXT CONGRESS OF THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL

The Executive Committee of the Communist International has decided to convene the 3rd Congress of the Third Communist International on the 1st of June 1921.

The Executive Committee of the Communist International adopted the following provisional agenda:

Draft of Agenda for the Third Congress of the Communist International.

1. Report of the Executive Committee of the Communist International.
2. The economic world-crisis and the new tasks of the Communist International.
3. Tactics of the Communist International during the Revolution.
4. Transition-period (special-requirements, special actions and final struggle of the Revolution).
5. Fight against the Amsterdam yellow Trade Union Federation.
6. Red Trade Union International and the Communist International.
7. Construction of the Communist Parties, the methods of their work.
8. Construction of the Communist International and its relation to the affiliated parties.
9. The Eastern question.
10. The Italian Socialist Party and the

Communist International. (Appeal of the Italian Socialist Party against the resolution of the Executive Committee.)

11. The Communist Labor Party of Germany and the Communist International. (Appeal of the United Communist Party of Germany against the resolution of the Executive Committee of the Communist International).

12. The Women's Movement.

13. The Young Communist Movement.

14. Election of the Executive Committee of the Communist International. Headquarters of the E. C.

15. Other business.

G. Zinoviev.



1) The Executive affirms its resolution in the Italian question and continues to support the Communist Party of Italy.

2) The Executive protests most determinedly against the support given by one of the presidents of the United Communist Party; Com. Levi, to the centrist fraction Serrati in Livorno and after Livorno. The Executive is firmly convinced that the overwhelming majority of the German sister-party on the Italian question is on the side of the Italian Communists and of the Executive and not on the side of Com. Levi.

3. The Executive declares its agreement with the resolution of the Central Committee of the United Communist Party of February 1st and begs the Central Committee not to recognize any explanations of this resolution which could mean support to the Centrist Serrati fraction and create difficulties to the Italian Communists.

This resolution was *unanimously* adopted by the Executive Committee of the Communist International after an exact examination of the situation. The representatives of the United Communist Party of Germany voted for the points 1 and 3 and against point 2.

Executive Committee of the Communist International.



The Executive Committee declares once more that it considers the Italian Socialist Party to be its Italian section and supports the same in its revolutionary struggle by all the means and authority at its disposal. The leaders of the Serrati fraction for the sake of 14,000 pure opportunists have rejected from the party 60,000 communists. The Executive Committee places the appeal of the Italian Socialist Party on the agenda of the Third Congress. Till the decision of the Congress the Executive Committee instructs the small bureau with publishing an open letter to the Italian Socialist Party.

Serious-Minded Revolutionists.

ARNOLD PETERSON, Secretary of the S. L. P., is one of the "serious-minded revolutionists." He stated so himself in an article appearing in the *Weekly People* of January 1, 1921, under the title of the "Lying Burlesque Bolsheviki." His calling himself a "serious-minded revolutionist" is rather amusing. But more amusing is his statement that "...in conjunction with its kith and kin, the S. P. and the I. W. W., it"—the Communist Party of America, Section of the Third International—"acts as a sort of poultice on the labor movement, absorbing a good bit of the impurities that are created in that movement."

How kin or alien the Communist Party is to the S. P. and the I. W. W. could best be shown by quoting and comparing the underlying principles and tactics of the C. P., S. P. and I. W. W. But that would be asking too much from a "serious-minded revolutionist," who is somewhat sleek in the art of mud-slinging, distortion and emasculation of Marxism, as

well as quoting Mark Twain for the purpose of justifying his opportunistic principles and tactics.

Renegades, like crooks, do not like to admit their social standing. If they would like to admit it—the Arnold Petersons of the S. L. P. would openly endorse their comrade renegades, the Hillquits of the S. P., whose kinsmen in principles and tactics they at present are.

Since Peterson did not even attempt to compare the C. P. to the S. P. and I. W. W.—we shall draw a comparison between the S. L. P. and S. P. and the S. L. P. and I. W. W.:

Proof.—The workers "must be trained to use the ballot box to vote out the capitalist and middle classes and to vote in representatives of the workers.... The Socialist Party seeks to attain its end by orderly and constitutional methods.... Violence is not the weapon of the Socialist Party."—S. P., 1920.

"The Socialist Labor Party's insistence

upon the possibility of a peaceful solution of the special problem in this country has repeatedly been misconstrued by its enemies as bowing and kow-towing to 'bourgeois legality.' Nothing can be more ridiculous nor further than the truth. The S. L. P. plants itself upon *civilization*, not upon 'legality.' It says the civilized method of settling disputes is by argument, not by fist fights. Hence the S. L. P. addresses itself to the workers and urges that they meet the capitalist class at the ballot-box and settle the question as civilization has provided." (*Weekly People*, November 27, 1920.)

"The Socialist Party is opposed to the general strike for political purposes."—Morris Hillquit.

Mr. "serious-minded revolutionist," what after all is the difference between the S. P. attaining its aim by constitutional and orderly means, and the S. L. P. attaining its aim by meeting the capitalist class at the ballot box and settling the question as civilization has provided? Any kinship between the two?