

## In Canada

### Stalinist Officials Sabotage Communist Unity

TORONTO—

The Canadian Federal election conference organized by the Communist Party should be a striking proof to the members of the Party and Y.C.L. and Left wing workers in what a dangerous impasse the Stalinist bureaucrats have brought the revolutionary movement. I have attended what I thought were raw conferences but nothing like the one pulled off by the Party leadership recently.

**Officialdom Bars Opposition Communists**  
At the conference were present many C.P. members but very few from other organizations. Outside of the Industrial Union representing a handful of workers, no other unions were represented. The conference was typified by the Stalinist brand of the united front from below, the steam roller edict from the chair of no discussion and criticism, correction or question, long-winded speeches from the Party functionaries, and no discussion from the floor except that initiated by the Communist League of America (Opposition) members.

The narrow bureaucratic spirit that ruled the meeting was strikingly expressed in the manner in which the C.L. of A. representatives were barred from the conference. "The credential committee decides not to accept the representatives of the organization calling itself the Communist League of America (Opposition) on the grounds that they disagree with the principles and policies of the C.P." The chairman, "You have all heard the decision of the credential committee, I want no discussion—all those in favor." But there was discussion. Comrade Quarter, representative of his Industrial Union local stood up and fought the ruling till he was shut up. The Party officialdom did have to discuss and try hard and unsuccessfully to explain.

In his statement, comrade Quarter protested against the steamroller tactics for the suppression of discussion. He pointed out that in the conference call nothing had been said about the necessity of one hundred per cent agreement with the Party program in order to be allowed to send delegates. Moreover "Socialist" parties and other organizations that the Communists fight tooth and nail were admitted while the Communist League were barred. The Communist League agreed with the Party election program and would support it actively and financially. Our comrades would speak at the election meetings, etc. The members of the Communist League (Opposition) were nearly all workers from the shop and factory. They had been the most active members in the Party and Y.C.L. before their expulsion for fighting bureaucratism and opportunism.

The Opposition (Left) is fighting for its re-instatement in the Party and Youth League on the basis of the right to maintain their Communist principles. These airtight bureaucratically manipulated conferences doomed them to impotence in advance.

#### But the Poale Zionists are Seated

The conference had hardly settled down to its lifelessness when a crisis loomed up again with the arrival of delegates of the Jewish National Workers Left Poale Zion Organization, who had been invited by the Party. The situation was the result of their own bureaucratic blindness. A hurried caucus and the credential committee had again to go out to try and figure out some explanation. They came back with the recommendation that the Poale Zion were renegades, but they could remain in the Conference if they accepted the Party Program. This brought the Zionist delegates to their feet, "they had been invited to support the Communist Party candidates not the C.P. program. Didn't the C.P. know they were a political organization as well as they, and what was more they didn't agree with the C.P. program or tactics." The superdramatic Annie Buller, now stood up to implore the Zionist delegates that it was in the best interests of the labor movement for them to remain renegades. They were allowed to remain in spite of their categorical refusal to accept the Party program, 6th World Congress, etc.

**Opposition Slogan For Soviet Credits... Rejected**

The delegates who now, that they had accepted the third period and the Sixth World Congress, were asked to raise their

hands for the election program, that the Party functionary had just finished reading. The chairman remarking to a question of our representatives that all discussion and criticism was out of order and if there were any present that didn't agree, they knew what to do. Our representative as before took the floor anyway and asked the conference to discuss the following to be embodied in the election program. "That long term credits be given to the Soviet Union to help temporarily to relieve the growing unemployment and at the same time, assist the Russian workers in the socialist construction". At first the chairman tried to remain deaf and dumb to the proposal but when Harry Clairman, insisted on ask-

ing the chair if they were against the proposal the storm again broke loose.

To sum up. The conference should be a powerful lesson to the Party, Y.C.L. and Left wing workers as to why the Party is so badly disorganized and continues to lose ground from day to day. The bureaucratic regime will continue to destroy the Party ideologically and organizationally as long as the members are satisfied to remain a Party not of militant Communists but of hand raisers.

For the Communist League of America (Opposition) it marks another step forward in the fight for the regeneration of the Party and against the bureaucracy. Our member brought down a half dozen copies of the Militant. They were grabbed up in less than one minute. Our representative was also elected on the executive of 20 together with some 19 other Party members.

—M.Q.

## Our National Tour

### MEETINGS MARK LEFT ADVANCE

Since the last reports on the National Tour of comrade Max Shachtman for the Communist League of America (Opposition) successful meetings have been held in St. Paul and Duluth, Minnesota, Superior, Wisconsin, Kansas City and St. Louis, Mo. Despite the terrific mid-summer heat, there has been an excellent attendance and the keenest interest displayed in comrade Shachtman's survey of the world situation and the role of the Left Opposition, the important visit of Shachtman, representing the Communist League, to L.D. Trotsky at Constantinople, the unification conference of the German Left Opposition at Berlin, and the preliminary Conference of the International Left Opposition in Paris.

#### Good Results in Duluth

At Duluth, Minn. seventy persons assembled among whom were a number of Finnish Party members, who heckled Shachtman feebly at the beginning, but who were soon silenced by the barrage of facts about the true situation in the Comintern. Discussion ensued, in which one Sankari, a Finnish youth with aspirations to be a Stalinist commissar for the Finnish section, spoke for half an hour. His own supporters finally stopped him after which the speaker, Shachtman, answered questions and made his concluding remarks. This is the first time an Opposition mass meeting has been held in Duluth and the meeting was a moral success.

#### Superior, Wisconsin

At Superior, Wisconsin, 50 workers turned up at the meeting. Many questions were put to the speaker, including questions on the position of the Left Opposition on the situation in the Cooperatives, to which Shachtman replied in full. Our position in this respect has been outlined in the columns of the Militant. The youthful elements, young comrades in the Y.C.L. have the soundest attitude on the basic issues before the Communist movement, and there are prospects for Opposition growth among them. A number of the audience voiced pleasure at the report of comrade Shachtman.

Leading Party members present at Shachtman's lecture in St. Paul, Minn. were literally begged to state their views after Shachtman's speech. After much goading, one of them announced an unemployment meeting and another mumbled some remarks about the 500 (!) members of the National Miners Union in the Minnesota district. Thirty attended the meeting.

The attendance at the Chicago and Minneapolis meetings, commented on briefly in the last issue of the Militant were 125 and 100 respectively. There was much satisfaction in all respects with the results.

#### Kansas City and St. Louis

Despite equatorial heat (the temperature had climbed to 100 degrees) there were turnouts of 50 and 40 at the meetings in Kansas City and St. Louis. There were a number of free admissions, as elsewhere, due to unemployment. The meetings of the C.P. are not as well attended, since the advent of the Third Period.

A supporter of the Communist Party in Kansas City, one Sol Morris, developed the logic of the Third Period. He declared in the discussion period apropos of Norway's refusal of a visa to comrade Trotsky that "against the Trotskyites, the Communists (!) should unite with the Monarchists!" Morris was properly "plastered" by the speaker after these remarks and the audience applauded Shachtman vigorously.

At Kansas City a banquet was also held.

In St. Louis, Jenkins of the Steamfitters Union also spoke on behalf of the Molders' Mooney Committee, and the meeting adopted a resolution for the release of Mooney Billings, the framed New York Communists, Foster, Minor, Amter, Raymond and the Georgia defendants now on trial for their lives.

At all of the meetings, a good deal of literature has been sold, new contacts and members secured and the enthusiasm engendered in the Communist League, gives high hope for increased activity in all fields by the Left Opposition. Comrade Shachtman also is reporting to the Branches of the League and taking up special and concrete matters with them.

#### Forthcoming Meetings

As we go to press meetings are scheduled for Springfield, Ill., where comrade Joe Angelo is making preparations for a big turnout; at Cleveland and Youngstown, Ohio and at Pittsburgh, Pa. The local comrades, Jos. Keller, L. Bryar, Denis Plarinos, James Sifakis and others are working hard for successful meets which will be reported on in the next issue of the Militant. It was decided after consultation between the local comrades and the national office to postpone return engagements of comrade Shachtman to Toronto and Montreal, Canada, till cooler weather. The remainder of the schedule follows

## Watch This Schedule for Your City

#### SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Tuesday, June 24. (Place to be announced.)

#### CLEVELAND, OHIO

Wednesday June 25, Mass Meeting at PAINTERS HALL, 2030 Euclid.

Thursday, June 26 Membership Meeting.

#### YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Friday, June 27.

#### PITTSBURGH, PA.

Saturday, June 28, 8. p. m. Mass Meeting at Labor Lyceum, 35 Miller St.

#### PITTSBURGH, PA.

Sunday, June 29, Branch Meeting

#### MONTREAL, CANADA

July 3-4th (Place to be announced later.)

#### TORONTO, CANADA

July 5-6 (Place to be announced later.)

## In India

### Simon Report Declares War on Revolution

The second volume of the Simon Report is now available for analysis and it bears out the most cynical expectation of the supporters of the Indian revolution. It is nothing more or less than a direct declaration of war to the bitter end for the throttling of the Indian revolution. It does not even contain the recommendation of "Home Rule". Divide and Rule! India is to be still further cut up by the separation of Burma so that the British can have a base of operations against the Indian revolutionary movement.

The other eight provinces will have "self-governing" institutions and will "send" representatives to a "Federal Assembly". Even to the capitalist press (the New York Times, June 24) anxious to sugar coat it the purport of the Report "is to give Britain a stronger hold on India than ever... The British Governors in the provinces will be virtual autocrats with sweeping powers to override the Indian Ministers... the governors can call the British troops in any emergency... and the British army will continue for many years under the control... of the Imperial Government."

The Simon Commission is composed of labor, liberal and conservative representatives of the groups in the British House. The Simon Commission functioned under the direct responsibility of Ramsay MacDonald's Labor Government. Whatever a few more radical rank and filers in the American socialist party may think, the report of the Simon Commission is the type of "self-determination" granted to the oppressed nationalities by the Governments and parties of the Second International.

What will the Simon Commission's report actually solve? What does it change? The driving forces of the Indian revolution have not been wiped out by its flood of words. The Commission says "as you were." British Imperialism and its bayonets, its exploitation of the Indian workers will remain. We will not release India by any constitutional surrender, says the Commission. All your "nationalist movement" your "civil disobedience", "your salt tax violations" mean little to us. We understand one language—that is the language of power—the language of war and revolution.

The Indian revolution enters on a stage that is clearly defined. The vacillations, the mysticism, the pacifism with which Gandhi has weakened and betrayed the revolutionary ferment in the past can no longer so successfully confuse the issues. The issue is more sharply defined. It is surrender to British Imperialism—which acceptance of the Commission's report means—or revolutionary mass action of the peasants and the petty bourgeoisie under the leadership of the industrial proletariat.

The opportunities for a Communist Party and a revolutionary policy in India today are inspiring. Will, can the present Comintern regime utilize the situation for the international revolution?

In the next issue of the Militant there will appear a thorough analysis of the whole situation in which the Indian revolution now finds itself.

—M.S.

#### ATTENTION, CHICAGO!

#### PICNIC

Sun. June 29, 1930 at the Forest Preserve Meet at the end of Milwaukee Ave. Car line between 10 and 11 a. m. For those delayed signs will direct the way. Bring lunch baskets. Cold drinks will be there. Auspices Communist League of America (Opposition) Chicago Branch

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Who says that Business hasn't a heart? The National Bureau of Economic Research triumphantly reports that Corporation charity has increased six times since 1920 and the "number of business concerns that have made appropriations for public health and happiness has increased thirteen times." (New York Evening Post, June 23). These kindly capitalist will do anything in the wide world for the workers—but get off their backs.