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Our Second Conference

A Milestone in the Progress of the American Opposition

The delegates from all over the country who come together for the second National Conference of the Left Opposition will assemble under the banner of an organization which has not been so strengthened in every respect...

The voices of the prophets of doom are greatly stilled today. The Right wing which, while in power in the party, combined with the Foster faction to expel us...

As against the Stalinists of the Centralist faction, the Left Opposition has also made considerable progress. Having usurped the tremendous machinery of the Comintern...

widening circle of Communist workers.

Our own ranks have experienced a gratifying consolidation, especially in the realm of our ideas in which lies our greatest strength.

The second conference meets with a firm Marxian nucleus established in this country. The struggles we conducted against the Right wing and Centralist factions...

Our conference will mark a milestone on this road, that will enable us to tread it more surely and more swiftly in the coming period.

War Clouds Dark in Manchuria

The political lease granted to Chiang Kai-Shek by imperialism for his services as butcher of the Chinese proletariat seems to be at an end.

As has been well known for some time, Chiang Kai-Shek was linked to the Japanese by all sorts of political and personal entanglements, and even by family relationship.

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Steel Wages Slashed Throughout Land

The heaviest single blow dealt in the national wage-cutting campaign of the capitalist class has just been delivered by the United States Steel Corporation...

The so-called independent steel barons have already announced that the cut will be universal throughout the industry.

not ignore such a handicap as a 10 percent wage reduction by other firms.

A virtually identical wage cut was announced simultaneously by the United States Rubber Company, the largest in that industry...

To cap it all for the most ruthless and widespread wage reductions ever announced in one day...

are not affected," according to the president, Mr. Sloan, but it will be recalled that the Steel trust announcement of wage cuts was preceded by an exactly similar announcement a number of weeks ago.

The steel industry cuts were forecast and analyzed in the Militant two weeks ago, when we wrote in part as follows: "Wages per ton of finished steel have declined steadily, during the same period...

Now the cuts have been officially announced, in spite of all the pious pledges made to the contrary.

The meeting began with the organizer making a special announcement that a representative of the D. E. C. of the I. L. D. was to address the meeting on the subject of the "disrupters".

What we have written in the past is being realized today. The textile workers and miners were driven back with such violence, with the hope that the spirit of the workers would be broken...

Expulsions Campaign Begins in I. L. D.

A few days after Hacker, the New York district organizer of the I. L. D., had "split the beans" about expelling all Oppositionists from the ranks of the organization...

The Left Opposition is the only progressive force in the Communist movement. The American section has already succeeded, in spite of our numerous and manifest shortcomings, in laying the solid foundation for new steps forward.

The bluntness with which the charges were pressed is exceedingly remarkable. The comrades were simply expelled for belonging to a political organization other than the Communist party...

activities. It was plain that the machinery had been well oiled to railroad us out of the I. L. D.

The I. L. D. closes its eyes at the same time to the workers in the S. P. and other reformist organizations even though the Comintern does not "recognize" them.

We on our part do not intend to stop here either. We appeal to all those who are in earnest about building the I. L. D., not as a Stalinist sect, but as a mass organization...

L. D. to rid itself of those who prevent its growth.

Refused Admission

On Sept. 11, I filled out an application for membership at the Steve Katovis Branch of the I. L. D.

The chairman introduced the speaker and Malkin took the floor. This is the substance of his speech:

That the N. E. C. of the C. L. A. had made a motion that every member of the C. L. of A. join the I. L. D. and organizations sympathetic to the party for the purpose of disrupting and splitting them.

That when comrades Cannon and Shachtman were at the head of the I. L. D., they pursued an anti-class defense policy and that was the reason they were removed from the leadership.

That all members and sympathizers of the Trotskyists were renegades and counter-revolutionists and were not eligible for membership in the I. L. D.

That the C. L. of A. and the Opposition the world over were against the Soviet Union against the C. I. and enemies of the working class.

That we had united with Muste, the A. F. of L. and the police in Paterson and that we were fighting the party and the National Textile Workers Union there.

That any organization or individual that did not support the party could not belong to the I. L. D. and if they were already members they should be expelled.

The substance of the resolution was as follows: The C. L. of A. is a counter-revolutionary organization and enemy of the I. L. D. and the working class.

There was also a motion to the following effect: That Harry Milton, who had made out an application for membership in the Steve Katovis branch of the I. L. D., not be accepted, because he was a member of the C. L. of A.

The floor was then thrown open for (Continued on Page 2)

R.R.s Prepare Wage Cuts

The policy of class collaboration, whose classic home has been the four railway brotherhoods, will soon be confronted by a decisive conflict of interests under the pressure of the crisis.

Bondholders are in a panic, not to speak of stockholders. Banks, insurance companies, trust funds, individually and through their organizations, have sent delegations to Washington to picture the sad fate of the widows and orphans...

The railroad brotherhoods of course are supporting this move, and in general "defending" the railroads. Last March, Robertson of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, addressing the National Association of Owners of Railroad and Public Utility Securities...

caused by two things: the sharp falling-off in traffic, and the increasingly effective competition of passenger automobiles and busses for the passenger traffic...

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EXPANSION PROGRAM

The National Conference of the League which opened this week marks another achievement of the organization, following directly in the tasks outlined for ourselves in the Expansion Program.

The fund now exceeds \$1,400. With the balance to be raised for the total of

NEW YORK FORUM

A new series of Forum lectures, under the auspices of the New York Branch of the Communist League of America (Opposition), will begin its third season on Friday, October 2nd, 1931 at the Labor Temple, 14th Street and 2nd Avenue.

\$2,000, we expect to consolidate the foundation of the Weekly Militant, and to begin the publication of the theoretical organ.

We know it can be done. A few dollars from every member will turn the trick. And if our sympathizers, our fellow-workers in the shops and labor organizations, are approached on a more extensive scale, the claim on every member will be that much reduced.

Since the contributions listed in our last issue, we have received the following sums: New York: T. F. Meade—1.85; A. Basky—1.00; B. J. Fields—25.00; Boston branch—6.00. Total: \$33.85. Previously reported: \$1,392.14. Grand Total to date: \$1,425.99.

A SPAGHETTI DINNER To greet the delegates to our Second National Conference. Stuyvesant Casino—2nd Ave., and 9th St. Saturday Evening, September 26 1931. Admission Fifty Cents. New York branch: Communist League of America (Opposition)