

The United Front

Stifling a Movement

In France the united front has been established between the Communist party and the Socialist party.

This action is a victory for the working class, accomplished by pressure from below.

A Step Forward

While this first step does not represent, as we shall see later, a change in essence of the attitude of the leadership of the two parties.

The demand for the united front could no longer be ignored and the leaders of both of the French parties accepted it.

Bureaucrats Fear United Front

Obviously the Socialist party leaders fear the united action of Communist and Socialist workers.

Far more decisive than the intentions of anyone are the forces that are set into motion by the historical processes.

A truly left wing, on the other hand, would welcome the opportunity of working class unity of action as its own best reinforcement in the fight against the perfidious reformist bureaucrats.

A Practical Test

Here is a practical test. The issue is the working class interests.

In the United States, it is true, the Communist and the Socialist workers constitute so far only a small section of the working class as a whole.

The Task of the Socialist Worker

There are thus very good reasons for the Socialist workers paying the closest attention to this practical test of their party and its leadership.

In France the united front is confined to the official Stalinist party and the Socialist party.

Stalinist Foreign Policy

This foreign policy, devoid of revolutionary content, has become based exclusively on the idea of maintaining the status quo within and amongst the capitalist nations as a means of preserving peace under capitalism.

There is to be no criticism within the limits of the objects of the pact although that is exactly where criticism is imperative.

A Leaf from Hitler's Book
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Stimulus of United Front

Despite this perversion of the real united front and its outright reformist implication, even this first step will have far reaching value for the French proletariat.

The demand for a united front cannot be ignored for long in other countries, because it grows directly out of the needs of the working class.

—ARNE SWABECK.

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The Coming U. T. W. Convention

Originally scheduled for Sept. 10, the Convention of the United Textile Workers will be held on Monday, August 13th.

The danger inherent to McMahon's gang in a real autonomous silk federation is obvious to all, as are the reasons for McMahon's actions.

Seven months ago, McMahon, the president of the U.T.W., was able to postpone the general strike on the basis of some phony promises from the NRA.

McMahon Spikes Autonomy
The silk workers, are organized into an autonomous section of the U.T.W., the American Federation of Silk Workers.

The A.F.S.W. exists as a national organization only on paper.

a national secretary, Frank Schweitzer, the union consists only of the large branch in Paterson and a few small locals in Pennsylvania.

Silk Workers Distrust U.T.W.
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The Lovestonites, in accordance with their trade union policy, have offered no resistance to McMahon's stifling of the autonomy of the silk workers.

Minneapolis Drivers Firm
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was rejected by the union. In the words of Vincent Dunne in an interview to the Organizer:

Organizer: "There are several ridiculous clauses in the bosses' proposal.

Internal Fight Splits Painters

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nothing but wait—wait while striking!

Their docility before their bureaucratic leaders in some local unions is almost unbelievable, especially when considered in the light of other strikes in the country.

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Playing into Zausner's Hands
One of the fundamental causes of this chaotic condition in the Brotherhood is the criminal union-wrecking policies of the Stalinists who, with dramatic gestures, noise and phrase-mongering, have been able to isolate the militant section of the membership from the general struggle.

Despite this fact, and the weakness and contradictions in the testimony of the prosecution, Robins and Gras were convicted in the court of Judge Corrigan, long notorious in labor circles for his sentences against workers.

Justice Valent's decision today was a refusal to permit the workers to be released on bail pending the appeal.

Statement of Defense Committee
"Certificates of reasonable doubt, enabling release of prisoners on bail pending appeal have in most criminal cases become the merest formality.

The Socialist Lawyers Association is in charge of the legal work and is preparing the appeal.

Robins-Gras Refused Release On Bail; Appeal Pending

Harold Robins and Andre Gras, strike arrested in the recent general strike of hotel workers, were today refused a certificate of reasonable doubt, in a decision handed down by Justice Valent.

Simultaneously, however, the fight for the appeal of the original conviction was broadened, with the announcement by M. Feinstein, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades, that his organization has endorsed the Robins-Gras Defense Committee.

Harold Robins, organizer of the Amalgamated Food Workers, and Andre Gras, a striker, were arrested during the strike on a charge of second degree assault.

In addition to the endorsement of the United Hebrew Trades, announced today, the Committee has also been endorsed by Walters Union Local 1, and Local 22 of the I.L.G.W.U.

The date of a mass meeting on the case will soon be announced.

A Demagogue at Work

Olson's Role in the Strike

The last chapter of Olson's role in the Minneapolis truck drivers strike of Local 574 of the A. F. of L. cannot yet be written.

Up to the time of the declaration of martial law by Governor Olson, the strike stood solid.

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The union protested and informed the Governor that his action was breaking the strike and demanded that he withdraw all permits.

These words against the bosses and blows against the strikers were not taken lightly by the union men of the city and their sympathizers.

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Olson Retreats
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Neutrality in the Class War

In more than one statement the Governor has stated that he does not take sides with either the bosses or the strikers, that he is for law and order, and will take what action necessary for the good of the people to see that the necessities of life are moved.

In the meantime the bosses were howling the parking ban in the Loop district informing the Governor that it was hurting their business.

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