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70 More Ousted by Altman

Right Drops 7 Branches

Bulletin

The Altmanite-controlled rump New York City Central Committee, at its meeting, Monday August 23rd, expelled seventy more left wing comrades, suspended the charters of four more branches, Village, Chelsea, 12th A. D., and Bensonhurst, and decided to reorganize a fifth, the 3rd A. D. branch (Bronx). Altman also reported his "victory" in the party referendum on the mayoralty elections—a victory secured by the expulsion of left wingers, suspension of branch charters, discounting ballots of those who refused to sign a loyalty oath; the procedure was so brazen that the Clarity members of the tellers' committee resigned in protest and the committee was dissolved.

The Lower East Side, Upper West Side and 12th A. D. Bronx branches, were suspended on August 2, 1937.

Clarity Calls the Cops Ward Rodgers Hales California Left Wingers to Court

SAN FRANCISCO.—Repudiated by the overwhelming majority of the party membership in California, Ward Rodgers, "Commissar" appointed by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party to "take over" the California organization, has called the cops to his aid.

On August 21, he filed criminal charges against Glen Trimble, Al Furth, and an unknown number of other comrades who are members in good standing of Local San Francisco. The crime of the comrades who were thus called before the bar of the capitalist court consists simply in the fact that the San Francisco Local at its last meeting, by the vote of 19 to 1 adopted the following resolution:

"That Local San Francisco notify the National Office, Ward Rodgers and the State Secretary of the Socialist Party of California, Cray Trimble, that we will continue to operate in cooperation with the State Secretary and will refuse to recognize as au-

thoritative any communications from other parties under the Rodgers motion for suspension of the California State Charter. Inasmuch as this irresponsible and disruptive motion has been submitted to the judgment of the highest authority in the Socialist Party, the national membership through the initiation of a national referendum, no action under this motion is legal and none will be recognized."

The warrant against the comrades taken out by Rodgers, charges them with "theft and embezzlement," the said theft and embezzlement, presumably being the refusal of the local to turn over its records and "property" to "Commissar" Rodgers.

With this action, Rodgers and all who support him take on themselves the role of capitalist stool-pigeons, attempting to turn over the records and lists of the Socialist Party to a capitalist court, and to cause the imprisonment in the penitentiary of com-

rades against whom no iota of proof of disloyalty or even technical violation of Party decisions has been or can be presented.

So far as we know this is the first time in the history of the political labor movement in the United States that official representatives of a working class party have made criminal charges against party opponents. There are no words too strong to characterize such an attempt. Incidentally, this action means that instead of the "impartial" hearing by the specially appointed "investigating committee" of the National Executive Committee, scheduled for next Saturday and Sunday, they have moved up the hearing one day and will hold it in a capitalist court next Friday.

The accused comrades are procuring legal counsel and will fight the case in court on the same grounds that revolutionary workers always defend themselves against capitalist prosecutors and stool-pigeons.

11 Left Wing DEC Leaders Are Expelled

Acting in combination with the right wing, the Clarity caucus moved the expulsion of 11 left wingers at the August 20 meeting of the District Executive Committee of the New York Young Peoples Socialist League. Each of these 11, among whom were three members of the DEC, (Draper, Garrett, Herman) were charged with selling the Socialist Appeal. Similar charges were to be brought against every member of the Youth Appeal Association in New York.

After the vote, in which by pre-arrangement Clarity and the right wing united, the left wing members of the Committee arose and declared that by its illegal action, the DEC had ceased to be a legal body and become a body no longer representing the majority of the League membership. As representatives of the largest section of the New York YPSL, the left wing of the Committee constituted itself as a Provisional New York District Executive Committee which would function until such time as a new committee could be regularly elected. All circles and members have been informed that the Clarity right wing caucus DEC continues only in rump session, and that its decisions are not binding upon any member of the League.

Expelled on False Pretext

While the left wing has formally been charged with selling the Appeal, the motive for Clarity's disruption of the League are quite different. Legally, any member of the League or Party has every right to sell the Appeal. No less a right than the Militants had in the fight against the Old Guard to sell the Socialist Call; no less a right than Clarity has to sell its own fac-

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Spain's Unions Join Pact Against Stalinist Reaction

By Felix Morrow

A pact for united action, signed by the CNT National Committee and UGT National Executive, published on July 9, has been hailed with delirious joy by the masses of these two organizations, comprising at least four million workers and peasants. It is difficult to convey in a few words what great hopes the workers and agrarian masses put in the results of the agreement.

It is also difficult to convey the precise significance of the pact. The 12-point document decrees: (1) An end to violent attacks, differences to be argued cordially. (2) No union outside the two federations will be recognized or conceded rights. (3) Workers free to affiliate to either federation. (4) and (5) Neither will admit any affiliate expelled by the other for crime or violation of policy, nor will either permit entry of such affiliate into any union without mutual consultation. (6) Coercion of members or unions to join other organizations will be considered an act of disloyalty to the pact. (7) Both pledge action against unions which refuse to carry out agreements adopted. (8) A contact committee of three each will meet at least weekly, and create in all

localities contact committees of the locals. (9) Local controversies to be settled by the national contact committee. (10) The National contact committee will propose to the UGT and CNT executives the sanctions to be imposed on locals violating the agreement. (11) Decisions taken to be valid shall be signed by the two national committees. (12) National contact committee will propose to the two organisms policies to be adopted.

(1) is directed against the Stalinist-controlled locals and the Regional UGT "Central Committee" of Catalonia, which have been attempting to create a program spirit against the CNT. (2) aims against such "unions" as the GEPCI (Federation of Small Commercial and Industrial Businessmen), given regional affiliation by the Catalan Stalinists but refused affiliation by the UGT National Committee because it violates the UGT statutes limiting affiliation to workers and peasants; and is also a blow at the Kulak "unions" created by the Stalinists but refused admittance into the two big agricultural unions affiliated to UGT and CNT. (3) and (6) seek to put an end to the infamous hooligan methods employed by the

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Removed Satir As Labor Secy. In Cook County

By Albert Glotzer

CHICAGO.—The August 16th meeting of the County Central Committee witnessed the first shot in the campaign of the Clarity Group against the left wing here. Where under ordinary circumstances we were able to obtain a majority in the CCC by default (the absence of the representatives of the language

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ArmChinese Mass, Only War Hope

By Lo Sen

When Japanese imperialism moved into North China six weeks ago, Gen. Sun Cheh-yuan, the Nanking Government's representative in Peiping, unconditionally accepted all the conditions posed by the invaders. He agreed to the withdrawal of all Chinese forces from the Peiping

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Notice to Yipsel Delegates

All left wing delegates to the YPSL National Convention are hereby notified that the left wing conference will meet in Philadelphia, September 1, at 431 Pine Street. Delegates and visitors should register at the same address as soon as they arrive, beginning with August 30. If any delegate plans to arrive in Philadelphia or New York before then, he should immediately notify M. Garrett, Room 731, 41 Union Sq., New York City.

NEW YORK EMERGENCY CONFERENCE CALLED

An emergency conference of Local New York called by the suspended left wing branches in the city will be held this Saturday August 28, at 2 P. M. at Stuyvesant Casino, 9th Street and 2nd Avenue.

Called "in view of the drive of the right wing, operating in violation of the party constitution through an illegally constituted City Central Committee, to split the party by expelling left wing branches and members, in order to facilitate the sell-out to La Guardia," the conference will create an organization set-up which will be able to carry on an effective revolutionary fight in the city.

Each party branch is entitled to one delegate for every ten members or major fraction thereof. In branches where the majority is composed of "LaGuardia socialists" and therefore declines to participate in the conference, the revolutionary minority is invited to send delegates on the same proportional basis.

The signatories to the call are the Lower East Side Branch, the Upper West Side Branch, 7th A. D. Branch (Bronx), 12th A. D. Branch (Manhattan). The Conference is open to all party and YPSL members.