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## Union Unity Move

### More S.P. Locals Endorse Chicago Left Wing Meet

### AFL-CIO To Confer in Washington Next Week

Growing response in the Locals and branches of the Socialist Party to the call for an emergency convention on November 25th in Chicago to deal with the Party crisis, indicates a widespread interest which guarantees complete national representation when the convention sessions open. The announcement was made by James P. Cannon, secretary of the Convention Arrangements Committee in New York. The call for the convention was issued three weeks ago in the name of the State Executive Committees of the Socialist Party of California, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio, the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party in Chicago and New York (Left Wing) and by the National Executive Committee of the Young People's Socialist League.

Among the Party organizations which have already taken action to endorse the special convention and to provide for representation at it, are the following:

#### Local Bucks Joins

Local Bucks County, Pennsylvania, representing the three branches of Quakertown, South Langhorne and Perkesy, unanimously passed a resolution, signed by Clara Gring, Acting Secretary and by Howard Stump, Chairman, declaring that the "County Committee of Local Bucks, refusing to be a party to the expulsion of left wingers or to the People's Front policy of the National Executive Committee and desiring that the disputed questions be thoroughly aired and settled, endorsed the call".

At a meeting of Local Rochester, N. Y., a resolution was unanimously adopted, signed by Charles V. Hess, chairman and James V. Brown, secretary, declaring that by its "flagrant violations of the party constitution and those betrayal of the party trust, the NEC has forfeited its authority and lost all right to speak in the name of the party membership." The Local, in the same resolution, endorsed the call for the convention.

Local East Bay, Calif., according to information received here from its secretary, Carl Wallace, has also voted unanimously to endorse the calling of the Chicago convention. The local had previously indicated its position by deciding without a dissenting vote to expel as a stool-pigeon Ward Rodgers, who had gone to the San Francisco District Attorney in an attempt to send revolutionary socialists to the peni-

tentiary for "embezzlement" of party property which duly belonged to the left wing.

In East Chicago, Indiana, the Local of the Socialist Party has just voted, according to Secretary Paul Brauer, to condemn the NEC for having "trampled (Continued on page 3)

#### 8,000,000 Involved

Should the joint conference take further steps toward uniting the ranks of the two organizations, it would result in the establishment of an organized labor movement in this country

of between seven and eight million members—more than have ever been enrolled in American unions in all their history.

Highly desirable and necessary though such a unification is, it cannot yet be said that the Washington meeting will bring it about. It is indisputable that a great deal of sentiment exists

in the rank and file of both organizations for unity, the absence of which has had such painful and pernicious results in recent times as a consequence of the growing number of "raids" organized by the officialdom of both organizations upon each other. Demoralizing jurisdictional disputes, leaving the workers divided in face of the employing class, can only impede the progress of American labor.

Whatever the Washington conference outcome may be, it cannot obliterate the tremendous contribution made by the CIO movement. Whereas hidebound craft organization, confined largely to the skilled and betterpaid workers, have time and again failed abysmally to organize the mass production industries, the industrial form of organization, despite the croaking admonitions of the Green bureaucracy, has not only proved its ability to organize such industries as auto, rubber and steel, but has demonstrated that it facilitates the effective mobilization of the workers for aggressive struggle.

This has now been established beyond dispute in practice despite the numerous shortcomings of the CIO, which are traceable to the bureaucratic control exercised over its union by the self-appointed leadership and to the class collaboration policy which it has imposed.

#### Industrial Unions Vital

Any unification of the two movements which involved a retreat from the right of the workers, at the very least in the basic, mass production industries, to organize in industrial unions, instead of being split up into scores of craft organizations, would signify an abandonment of all the gains made in the past two years and would fling the labor movement back to the position it occupied years ago.

From the standpoint both of the immediate and long-run interests and needs of the labor movement, however, recent events have only served to stress the (Continued on page 3)

### Veterans of Future Wars



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