

sindicalista); the former has a membership of between forty and fifty thousand and the latter had a membership of close to one hundred thousand members. Outside of these two federations there existed some independent unions with a membership of about forty thousand workers, chief among which was the Chauffeurs Union with fifteen thousand. The two federations had attempted to unite at a Congress last year, but the anarchist federation had withdrawn. Since the CP had set itself to bring about unity on the industrial field and had successfully carried on an agitation which had resulted, at the last Congress of the reform-syndicalist federation in the passing of a resolution introduced by the Communists in calling of a Unification Congress for the near future and the election of the unification Committee to lay the plans for the Unification Congress within the next three or four months. The Communists, though in a minority at the Congress succeeded not only in passing this resolution but also succeeded in electing a majority of Communists on the Unification Committee. The Secretary of the Unification Committee is a well-known and trusted union leader and a member of the CEC of the Communist Party.

Under these circumstances the CEC of the CP deemed it inadvisable to appoint a RTUI Bureau at the present time until the Unification Congress had been held and the question of unity had been solved one way or the other. Besides, the Party had no money – every cent that could be spared was being amassed for the launching of the daily and I had named. Such a Bureau, even if appointed could only have been still-born and brought confusion into struggle for unity, which they considered of the utmost importance. I agreed with them.

Realizing all this, I felt that my trip, if conducive to any good whatever, could not be in interfering in work which I was not fitted for and handicapped by a lack of the language, customs, psychology, etc., but by getting information and laying connections between the North and South American movements.

This, in brief, is the situation which I discovered in Argentina now as to the CP of Argentina. The Party came into existence right after the formation of the Third International and the following year absorbed the Left Wing of the CP. It has about twenty branches in the city of Buenos Aires itself, and branches in all industrial centers and cities of Argentina as well. The party is strongly centralized and well-disciplined. It is a legal party despite the periodical raids of the authorities, due to a combination of peculiar political circumstances. The party takes full advantage of this condition and participates in the parliamentary campaigns at every opportunity. It has elected two