

is doing in the Confederation. But he has lately conducted a correspondence with the affiliated unions in Habana and in the province, against the Party and has half-officially prepared for the split. He ~~has~~ negotiated with the yellow unions to call a congress. All failures in the trade union field he ascribed in his private letters to the Communist majority. And finally he gave a declaration to the local government (the governor) that the Confederation acts against the decisions of Camaguey, that it establishes connections with the CSLA and that he resigns because in the Confederation everything is carried out by "brutal voting majority" of one group(!). He gave this declaration also to the bourgeois press. Clearly this is a plain provocation. I have prepared a political resolution and proposed that he should be expelled from the union as a provocator. The resolution was for some kind of reasons not put to a vote, but he was expelled from the union anyway. In the next few days a new General Secretary shall already take over the work. We acted very cautiously this time. But this Pilar Herera is under these conditions still dangerous for us.

All these circumstances force us to carry through a big reorganization in our ranks, to draw attention mainly to the trade unions. One of our most important tasks, in order to take the initiative of calling the congress away from our enemies, to let the workingclass public know about such provocations as Pilar Herera's, ~~is the publication~~ to defeat the attacks of the Yellows, is the publication of newspaper of the Confederation. This is at the present moment a vital question. One cannot say everything through manifestos. A newspaper could help the consolidation of the labor movement. One must not forget that we are the only trade union center. And the workers know only little about the Confederation from the bourgeois press.

I had a proposal that, until we have the possibility to publish our own paper, there <sup>regularly</sup> should be a special sheet for Cuba in the "Obrero del Caribe". That is, there should be a Cuba page in every issue. One could do the same for Mexico and from time to time for the other Caribbean countries. But the comrades here are absolutely against it. You know, I wanted to kill two birds with one stroke; firstly, the Cubans should have a substitute for a paper of their own, secondly, our "little organ" should be more popularized. Anyway, considering this situation, it is very urgent that the question of the congress and of the paper is solved. Until then, you must send more copies of the "Obrero del Caribe". The comrades ask even for 500 copies. But I think that 500 is too much. But you should send 250 copies.

To finish up, I want to tell you that all these problems have to be solved under extremely difficult conditions. The terror is increasing every day. Since I have been here we have now the third "assortment" of the CC of the Party. The trade union commission with which I had prepared a number of important questions is on account of the arrest of a number of comrades absolutely incapable of working. We have no connection with the province. Terrible things are happening there. Forced labor in the ingenios, terror. For the second time drowned workers were found in Habana Harbor, with chained hands, whom the sea threw on the beach. The state of siege was yesterday prolonged for an indefinite time by the "parliament". It is clear that work is not easy under these circumstances. But there is also a number of other difficulties. I think that Cuba has the best organization in the whole of ~~South America~~ Central America. There is no doubt for me about this. The Party has masses and mass organizations. But the main difficulty is that it has no leadership, no active. There is no tradition in the Party and no discipline. In some cases directly anarchist actions. One can never be sure that a directive which has been hashed through in all details, is carried out even to a minimum. In some cases irresponsible, not thought over reports of the comrades who work legally have resulted in wrong directives. In my situation I depend absolutely on what the comrades tell me. In the beginning I believed the comrades everything. But unfortunately I soon found out that all reports can only be taken quite relatively. I am informed on something, the next day, when there is a defeat, one gives different motives. It speaks for itself, when I tell you that about 15% of the comrades in Habana City have procedures before the Control Commission! Or the following case. The general secretary of the Party, a tobacco worker refuses to publish an appeal of the fraction in the tobacco workers union. When we criticized this wrong action in the CC and explained him that such an appeal must absolutely be published, he voted for this proposal and the next day <sup>statement</sup> sent a declaration that he