

One of the Comrades, Valdez, was hidden in a room waiting the report that the strike has begun and the revolution started, but since nothing was happening in the streets and the comrades had forgotten about him, that he was waiting in his room, so for three days he was running around in his room thinking that since nobody has arrived, very likely all our people had been murdered, - of that the general strike was so successful that the people could not come to him. The comrades were convinced that they were doing very important revolutionary work. They have read some material~~s~~ of the CI that the Party must wage independent struggle, and they said when we take from the Nationalists weapons and arms the Nationalists are fools, they think we are going to help them get the power, but we will establish the Soviet Power.

After the letter of the American Party we spent nights and nights discussing with the comrades but I found it difficult to convince the workers that they have committed the most flagrant right wing mistake by organizing this united front committee. The comrades thought that they were very revolutionary because they wanted to establish a Soviet Government, and they said, "How can that be characterized as a right wing error. I am afraid that I will not be modest when I say that at that moment there was the greatest demoralization on the part of the comrades because of this tremendous irresponsibility. This was the situation in which I had to carry on the first part of my work, in this impossible situation to attempt to put the Party on some kind of a basis. Nobody was responsible for anything. When we told a comrade, ~~knowing~~ that this must be done, the answer would be that he would either do nothing or resign from the party. I said, we must make an effort to win over the students with the aid of an anti-imperialist organization. So on the next morning I received a notice that such a league has been formed, that the Anti-Imperialist League is the vanguard of the Proletariat, that it will fight for the seven hour day, that it will fight against the Trotskyites. I asked who did it. Nobody knew. I said we must begin on the basis of concrete slogans to begin a campaign against unemployment. The day afterwards I receive an appeal which says, we appeal to the kindness of the people to support the unemployed. Nobody knows who has written it or issued it.

The place where the Party can speak to the masses was through the Confederation. At the head of the Confederation was the general secretary, a Negro - Pelar Herrero. I was very glad to know that he was a non-Party worker, a Negro, a Negro from the Harbor Workers. This was a good face. When I wrote the first appeal against the Nationalists, he said, "no, the comrades are disappointed in this leaflet, we cannot use any such appeals in the Confederation, that do not deal with economic questions". Later it was proven that Pelar Herrero, the General Secretary of the Confederation, together with the Tobacco Workers, was negotiating to organize a conference of all workers with proportional representation of the Confederation, which meant to deliver the Confederation to the Tobacco Workers. Later we discovered in the archives a wide correspondence from this same secretary with many organizations in which he declared that we must organize ourselves against the Communists and against the Profintern.

At the same time Cotona, the former general secretary of the Party, who during all this turmoil was hidden in a room somewhere in a house of one of the leaders of the opposition, participated at the meetings of the opposition, which took place in the house. When he was asked why he did not participate in Party work, he answered he was representing the Party at these meetings of the opposition. In our first appeal to the Confederation which attacked the Nationalists and Machado, and raised a series of these partial demands, our Comrades, members of our Party voted against our draft appeal. Cotona, who was hidden all this time, came to this meeting, and Pelar Herrero proposed Cotona as a member of the commission to edit the draft of the appeal which we submitted there. At the same time Cotona had written a letter to the Central Committee that he considers himself a member of the Central Committee, and that he can be expelled from this committee only by a decision of the CI. On the other hand, he stated that the Party had committed a crime when the