

Comrade Andrews (American Communist Party) refuted the statement of comrade Haywood purporting to show that if the Russian workers were as technically and revolutionarily organised as the I.W.W., then the Russian revolution would have been more successful and that chaos which reigns in Russia to-day would not have been in existence. "Comrade Haywood should know," said Comrade Andrews, "that the chaos in Russia is not the result of the lack of technical organisation, but that of the seven years' war and other economic reasons. An altogether false impression exists in the I.W.W. that the trade unions should prepare for their future economic rôle within the shell of the capitalist system. As a matter of fact, the function of the trade unions under a capitalist régime is merely the continuation of the struggle on the economic field, and the experience of Russia has shown us that the trade unions can only prepare to control economy after the proletarian revolution."

The statement of comrade Haywood that a section of the American delegates to the Red Trade Union International wishes to liquidate the I.W.W. is not without foundation. But the

Communist party and the American delegates to the Comintern Congress disavow this. On the other hand, we consider that we must work both in the American Federation of Labour and the I.W.W. The exit of the Communists from the latter organisation would not liquidate it, but on the other hand would strengthen the influence of the Anarcho-Syndicalists, who are already powerful enough.

Our delegation supports comrade Zinoviev's theses, and believes the neutrality of the trade unions unpermissible, as there are already many responsible Communists in America, of the ordinary trade unionist type, who discard the robe of Communism when in their Trade Unions and believe in the non-interference of Communism in their trade union work.

In conclusion comrade Andrews dealt with the question of organisation. The Red Trade Union International has its bureaux in all countries, and these bureaux must work hand in hand with the local Communist parties. Communists who are members of these bureaux must still be dominated by party discipline. In order to have no confusion or friction here, it is essential that the future constitution of the Comintern and the Red Trade Union International should be drafted in a collaborative form.