

Statement by Central Executive Committee

Further statement of the Central Executive Committee regarding the appearance of the Horthy government bond advertisement in the Volkszeitung, New York.

The Central Executive Committee of the Workers Party issued a statement apologizing for the disgrace of the appearance in the Volkszeitung of an advertisement advertising bonds of the counter-revolutionary Horthy Government in Hungary, condemning the Volkszeitung for appearance of this advertisement, directing Comrade Lore, the editor of the Volkszeitung to publish an editorial repudiating it, and stating its purpose to investigate this matter thoroughly as to the responsibility for the appearance of the advertisement. The Central Executive Committee now states the results of its investigation as follows:

The Central Executive Committee is in receipt of the following telegram from Comrade Ludwig Lore, editor of the Volkszeitung, in regard to its statement:

"Received letter August 12 just now. Want to state that as soon as attention was called to advertisement I called up Business Manager directing him to take out same which he presently did. Wrote for next issue August 2 double column editorial 'For Horthy Hungary Not One Cent' explaining situation in Hungary and stating in most forcible language that any support of loan constitutes counter-revolutionary action but showing also bad financial conditions of that country. The friend who called your attention to that one inch ad must curiously have overlooked double column leading editorial of August 2nd. Protest strongly against premature action of Political Committee. Before you make statements it is your duty to investigate. Short telegram to editor and C. E. C. member would have brought you correct information. Wait for your reply before I publish your statement which I did not receive yet."

The Central Executive Committee welcomes the information that Com-

rade Lore, as editor of the Volkszeitung, published an editorial repudiating the advertisement the day following its third appearance in the Volkszeitung. It however, expresses surprise that Comrade Lore did not call the attention of the Central Executive Committee to the fact that such an advertisement had appeared and to his action in repudiating it, but left the Central Executive Committee to find out, on its own account, that such an advertisement had appeared and only advised it of his editorial after the C. E. C. statement had been issued. It must also state its view that the appearance of the one sentence reading:

"We regret to say that one of these advertisements, for money to be used to support the damnable Horthy system also found its way into the columns of the New York Volkszeitung" is not a sufficient expression of regret and explanation for the appearance of a counter-revolutionary advertisement in the Volkszeitung. The whole text of Comrade Lore's editorial appears herewith.

The appearance in a Communist newspaper of an advertisement advertising for sale the bonds of a counter-revolutionary government which has slaughtered thousands of Communists and imprisoned tens of thousands of others is not a matter to be carelessly passed over by the Central Executive Committee of the Party responsible for the paper which published this advertisement, nor does the fact that an editorial repudiating the advertisement appeared close to the matter. The Central Executive Committee expresses its surprise that any member of the Workers Party which prides itself on being a Communist Party, could overlook the offense committed against the entire international movement by the appearance of this advertisement, and see only the fact that in its original statement the Central Executive Committee did not take into account the appearance of Comrade Lore's editorial, in regard to which it was not informed at the time the statement was issued.

The important question before the Central Executive Committee is how could it happen that a Communist daily could publish such an advertisement under any conceivable circumstances. Certainly no member of the Workers Party with the slightest Communist understanding would permit such an advertisement to appear with his approval. It was the duty of the Central Executive Committee to find out how it could be possible that such an advertisement could pass thru the hands of the administration of the Volkszeitung and appear in the paper, and to take action against any Party member who was in any way responsible for the appearance of the advertisement.

The Central Executive Committee has investigated this matter and finds that this advertisement was sent to the Volkszeitung administration by messenger and was received by Comrade Blohm who is in charge of advertising matter. Comrade Blohm states that the foreman of the printing establishment was in his office at the time the advertisement was received and since the envelope was marked "Change" he passed it over without examining it. He states further that later he clipped the Horthy bond advertisement from the Volkszeitung and pasted it on the original order ordering the change in the character of the advertisement, but that again he did not read it nor did he note the character of the advertisement. Only after the third day of the appearance of the advertisement did he notice the character of it and when he reached the Volkszeitung building his attention was also called to it by Comrade Lore who ordered it removed from the paper.

The Central Executive Committee accepting Comrade Blohm's statement of the fact, is however of the opinion that Comrade Blohm is guilty of gross negligence and severely censures him for his carelessness and negligence which has placed the party in the position of accepting for money propaganda against its own revolutionary principles. Enemies of our party can use the appearance of this advertisement for attack upon our party.

The C. E. C. further instructs the New York Volkszeitung, and every other Party paper, that it must appoint a responsible Party member to pass upon the whole contents of every

edition of a Party paper before it goes to press.

In making this ruling the Central Executive Committee does so in order that in the future there can be no excuse for the appearance of counter-revolutionary material in any organ of the Workers Party. The responsibility of the Central Executive Committee is not ended if such a counter-revolutionary advertisement as that of Horthy bonds appears and then a repudiating editorial appears in the same paper. It is the fact that such an advertisement could appear at all that the Central Executive Committee must deal with. It and it alone is responsible before the Communist International for conducting the Party press so that such incidents as the appearance of the Horthy advertisement in the Volkszeitung cannot, under any conceivable circumstances to take place. While it cannot now after the fact that the Horthy advertisement appeared in the Volkszeitung, it expresses the earnest hope that by establishing the responsibility of a Party member for each issue of a Party paper which appears such a transgression against the revolutionary movement will not happen in the future.

Central Executive Committee,
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C. E. Ruthenberg, Executive Sec'y

NOT A FARTHING FOR HORTHY HUNGARY.

Editorial from the New York Volkszeitung of August 2.

Translation by Comrade Ludwig Lore.

The American press is just at present being used for a widespread advertisement campaign for the sale of the 7½ pct. national loan of the Kingdom of Hungary. Everywhere one will find these advertisements, which recommend this "gilt edge" security to the prudent saver, because he will nowhere find an equal return for safely invested capital. We regret to say that one of these advertisements, for money to be used to support the damnable Horthy system also found its way into the columns of the New York Volkszeitung. For this reason we consider it to be our special duty to warn our readers against the buying of these securities, and to say openly that every direct or indirect support of present-day Hungary is a counter-revolutionary act, an act which no class-conscious worker would knowingly commit.

Horthy is, perhaps the worst bloodhound among those who sit in the seats of the mighty at the present time. In Hungary, today, absolute autocracy reigns supreme. In Hungary no radical movement can become active. Even the Social-Democracy, which in Hungary has become exceptionally reformistic and careful, must tolerate the constant supervision of the authorities, a supervision that exceeds even that in Russia under the reign of the Czar. Furthermore, this same Hungarian Social-Democracy enjoys this poor remnant of elbow-room only because it daily emphasizes its unalterable enmity to Communism, and actively fights the forces of the Communist movement.

In Hungary every radical worker is at the mercy of the authorities. The labor unions live and exist only inasmuch as they expressly profess political neutrality, and decline any co-operation with the Social-Democracy. The Co-operatives enjoy a similar measure of police and legal supervision. Only recently a number of co-operatives were dissolved, and their property confiscated because the government had "reason to suspect" that they were working hand in hand with the Social-Democracy.

The fate of our Communist comrades need hardly be described to our readers. It is impossible to tell how many ten-thousands of our comrades, men, women and children have been murdered, maimed and imprisoned by the scoundrelly rascals who hold Hungary under their whip-lash, since the betrayal of the revolution. For these punishments are seldom meted out in formal legal trials, are seldom conducted before the public. Persons who are suspected of Communist leanings "disappear," until their bodies are found murdered or drowned by an unknown hand. Horthy-Hungary is the land of thousand-fold murders, of the most horrible, most terrible White Terror that the world has ever known.

This "National Loan" of the King-

LAND SHARKS IN MEXICO KICK ON NEW LAND DECREE

Can't Enlarge Present Holdings

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MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2.—The new agrarian decree that all requests for larger tracts of common lands must be submitted to the president of the republic thru the respective state agrarian commissions is causing widespread discontent among the large landowners of Mexico. They feel that the chances to evade the country's agrarian laws will be considerably lessened by the new process. And so they are falling back on the principle of states rights, and say that President Obregon has no constitutional right to issue such a decree, and that they will fight it thru to the last court if necessary.

The sections of this agrarian proclamation that have received widespread praise from the conservative elements are as follows:

No Lands Peddling

1.—No additional common lands will be granted to any community unless it can prove that they are absolutely essential to the economic welfare of that community, that the lands they already have, have been completely exploited, and that they have the agricultural machinery with which to exploit the land they are requesting.

2.—The village that asks for the land must pay for it in a period of not more than ten years.

dom of Hungary is, furthermore, by no means the safe investment that its advertisements make it appear. It is generally known that this loan has been floated by the League of Nations, but that neither the League of Nations nor any single nation has guaranteed its payment. In this respect it is even worse than the Austrian Loan, which was thus secured. As a matter of fact the American business interests hesitated a long time before they subscribed to a part of the loan. Their support was won only after Count Apponyi brought his influence with the Vanderbilts to bear upon American finance. The fact that these bankers are now so energetically at work to unload these papers upon the small investor shows how little faith these large sharks have in the continued existence of the Horthy government.

Of the entire loan of \$50,000,000, \$7,000,000 are to be raised in the United States. For this the bankers here will, of course, draw a liberal commission, which will, naturally, be paid by Hungary, but the price of which will be paid by the small investor who buys the bonds. For the smaller the amount that Hungary finally receives out of its loan the smaller will the financial assistance be that it receives, the greater will be the detriment to Hungarian business. Even the conservative Journal of Commerce, which is distinctly friendly to the Horthy regime, was forced to admit last Thursday that the loan is neither safe nor to be recommended, since its security would be determined entirely by the ability of Hungary to pay its debts out of a favorable trade balance.

For the progressive worker, for every enemy of the blood-thirsty Horthy regime, there can be only one reply:

NOT A FARTHING FOR HORTHY AND HIS FELLOW BANDITS.

NEWMAN EXPELLED.

SOMETIME ago the English Branch of Portland, Oregon, expelled Otto Newman from that branch on the charge of having made a certain speech at an open meeting in contradiction to the policy of the English branch. The Central Executive Committee of the party ordered the reinstatement of Otto Newman, but instructed the English Branch that if other charges which it mentioned against Newman were borne out by facts, that it could try him on these charges and expel him.

The English Branch now advises the Central Executive Committee that Newman has been reinstated in the party and has been tried on the new charges involving violation of party discipline and has been unanimously expelled from the party. This action of the branch has the approval of the Central Executive Committee.

Mexican Youth Reactionary.

BUENOS Aires, Sept. 2.—The

GITLOW MEETING IN CAPITOL CITY BOOST FOR PARTY

Publicity in Capitalist Press Arouses Interest

(Special to the Daily Worker.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—"Pythian Temple Bars Doors to Communists," "Hall Refused to Communists for Meeting," "Red Flags Fail to Wave Here," are only some of the headlines that greeted newspaper readers of the capital city the day after the Ben Gitlow meeting here.

But the venomous headlines notwithstanding, the stories reported in the news columns under these headlines were the best publicity as yet given to the Communist movement here.

Not Communist, Honest.

We quote from the Washington Times:

"Communists of Washington gathered last night and opened their campaign for the establishment of the Soviet form of government in this country. . . . Any one who attended the meeting with the idea of hearing anything horrifying was sadly disappointed. The most radical thing that Ben Gitlow said was that the republican, democrat and progressive parties are not representative of the working class. He threw no mud. He just reviewed the labor record of the various parties and of the individual candidates and told the audiences if they wanted a real friend of labor they would have to vote for the Workers Party."

From the Washington Daily News:
Want Soviet.

"Gitlow's speech bitterly attacked LaFollette as representing 'the petty bourgeoisie and farmers' and substituting 'competitive capitalism for trust capitalism.'

"Coolidge and Davis, he said, were under the thumb of Wall St. and 'the puppets of capital.'

"Wheeler, LaFollette's running mate, Gitlow charged with being too friendly with Frank A. Vanderlip, rail-