

The Workers Party in Action

LIQUIDATE LOREISM AND POYNTZISM IN WORKERS (COMMUNIST) PARTY

To the Membership of the Party.

Comrades:

The Bolshevization of our Party and its future growth demand a quick and complete liquidation of the non-Communist tendencies of Loreism and Poyntzism. This mandate of the Comintern is so specific and at the same time so universally accepted by the party membership that there should be no difficulty in liquidating this tendency in the shortest possible time.

Loreism and Poyntzism are one tendency. Comrade Juliet Stuart Poyntz has been the most consistent and militant exponent of non-Communist conceptions and policies in our party. She stands for an ideology that is absolutely menacing to the healthy growth of a Communist Party.

Her influence upon certain sections of our New York organization is positively disintegrating.

The Comintern has sharply condemned the tendency represented by Comrade Lore as a non-Communist tendency. Comrade Lore consistently supported the right wing in the Comintern, in the cases of Levy in Germany, Serratti in Italy, Brandler in Germany, and Trotsky in Russia. He developed opportunistic conceptions regarding the Labor Government in England and the Herriot government in France. He has had a supercritical attitude towards the Comintern and has advocated loose conceptions of discipline incompatible with real Bolshevik organizations, as well as showing in his writings in the Volkzeitung various other non-Communist deviations. In all these, he was supported aggressively by Comrade Poyntz, who was the most militant figure in the tendency.

The Central Executive Committee is glad to state that due to recent developments in the party our membership in New York is becoming fully conscious of the harmful influences of Poyntzism which is being combatted in a very effective manner.

The Party cannot tolerate the opportunistic maneuvers of Comrade Poyntz. The Party has a right to demand of every Party comrade absolute sincerity and frankness with the Party and the Communist Interna-

tional. This Comrade Poyntz obstinately refuses to do. Instead, she is playing a shallow game of diplomacy with the Comintern at the same time that she is carrying on a violent campaign against the Central Executive Committee of the Party. Her speech and misrepresentations are now being circulated widely thru illegal channels in the Party.

What is the decision of the C. I. regarding Loreism? The Comintern demands the total liquidation of this tendency. With this demand the overwhelming majority of the Party is in full agreement.

What does Comrade Poyntz do with the C. I. decision? She evades it. She has no courage to stand up and defend herself, nor is she Communist enough to admit frankly her opportunistic mistakes and put herself in line with the C. I. policies. Instead, she attempts to crawl out from under the C. I. decision by the ridiculous assertion that there is no such thing as Loreism or a Lore group in our Party. Comrade Poyntz, the most energetic leader of the Lore group, denies the existence of Loreism. Such opportunistic maneuvers and insincere diplomacy with the C.I. cannot and will not succeed in our Party.

For over 16 months Comrade Poyntz was resisting systematically

all the efforts of the Central Executive Committee to Bolshevize the New York organization and to liquidate the Lore group. The following are only a few of the outstanding facts in the struggle of Comrade Poyntz against the Party and the C. I.

1. She refused to accept the policies of the Party for the bolshevization of the Party school in New York. She called it "fake" bolshevization and was ultimately forced to resign her position as director of the school.

2. She sabotaged and resisted all the efforts of the C. E. C. to break away from the Lore group its proletarian elements and thus liquidate the group.

3. She systematically poisoned the minds of the membership with distrust towards the C. I. and its leadership.

4. She cemented and solidified the right-wing Lore group in the bureau of the Jewish Federation, bolstering up its opposition to the Party and to the C. I.; and last,

5. She assumed the role of ideological leader of the opportunistic tendencies in the Communist fraction in the needle trades unions in New York.

The role of Comrade Poyntz in the needle trades controversy is well known to the Party. At the time when the Party was making strenuous efforts to liquidate the opportunistic tendencies of some of our comrades in the needle trades, Comrade Poyntz made use of her position as a member of the New York District Executive Committee to encourage the opportunistic opposition to the Party, thus making it harder for the C. E. C. to establish correct Communist policies for the Communist fractions in the needle trades unions.

Comrade Poyntz, as one of the most militant leaders of the Lore group, remained true to her ideology, leading the opportunists against the Party.

In her attempt to evade the conse-

quences of the C. I. decision of Loreism, Comrade Poyntz has been putting forth all kinds of ridiculous claims and assertions. First, she maintained that there was no Lore group in our Party. However, when she found that this denial of the existence of a Lore group was more damning than a frank confession of guilt, Comrade Poyntz began putting forth another claim, namely, that she was all the time a loyal supporter of the C. E. C. majority. As proof of this she cites her support of the C. E. C. majority at the last Party convention and also her support of the C. E. C. majority on the Labor Party issue.

According to her statements before the Plenum of the C. E. C. on May 12th, and later on before the District Executive Committee of New York she always knew that the C. E. C. majority were "un-Marxian, syndicalistic, opportunistic, and sectarian." In the same way she describes the C. E. C. thesis on the Labor Party, and yet she found it possible, according to her own admissions, to support the C. E. C. majority at the last Party convention, which she claims to have known to be "syndicalistic and opportunist," and to vote for the C. E. C. thesis on the Labor Party which she also claims to have known to be "sectarian and un-Marxian." In other words, by her own public admission, she has supported a leadership and policies which she says she believed were un-Marxian, syndicalist, opportunist, and sectarian. This admission of Comrade Poyntz is itself sufficient to discredit her claim of being a Communist.

The Party and its Central Executive Committee are determined to liquidate completely the tendencies of Loreism and Poyntzism. No amount of diplomacy and maneuvering on the part of Comrade Poyntz will prevent the Party from remaining loyal to the policies and tactics of the Communist International.

Loreism and Poyntzism must be liquidated.

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