

Lore and Loreism

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Ludwig Lore, until recently a member of the C. E. C., secretary of the German bureau and editor-in-chief of the *Volkszeitung*, was expelled from the party by the unanimous vote of the national convention of the Workers (Communist) Party, held in Aug. 1925.

Who is Lore and why was he expelled from the Workers Party?

Lore was the leader and spokesman of the remnants of the menshevik and social-democratic wing in the Workers Party and as such was continually in conflict either with the C. E. C. of the party, or with the Communist International itself. Every decision of the party as well as every decision of the Communist International found in Lore its bitter opponent.

Open Enemy of the C. I.

Lore, like many others before him, posed as a Communist and continually declared himself a loyal supporter of the C. I., at the same time that he sabotaged its decisions and propagated his own views, in contradiction to those of the C. I. Twice he was called upon to defend himself before the C. I. and the third time the C. I. itself tried to compel him to go to Moscow to defend himself, but in vain.

Even after his expulsion Lore declared himself as a loyal supporter of

the C. I. But only for a moment. Hardly a week passed and he changed his tactics towards the C. I. and from a "loyal supporter" he became an open enemy. He is now engaged in organizing the "International Workers' Society," the aim of which is nothing else but to break the lines of the Workers Party. Only about half a dozen of his personal friends followed him into this new counter-revolutionary organization, which must end up sooner or later, in the arms of the social patriots. There is no other way. Such is the course of all such traitors. For a certain time they pose as innocent victims then, seeing their isolated position, they begin to spit out upon their former comrades all their wrath and proceed to stab them in the back. This was the way followed by Levi, Hoglund, Friesland, Bubnik, Beranek... etc. This very same way is followed now by Lore.

Follows In Footsteps of Bubnik.

Bubnik attacked the Communist Party of Czecho-Slovakia from the rear in its most critical time, the time when the party was organizing and leading the popular demonstrations against the high cost of living. Almost immediately after his expulsion he organized the handful of his followers into a so-called "Independent Communist Party" and started to publish a daily paper, being supported of

course by the bourgeois Czecho-Slovakian government.

Beranek at the last conference of the Czecho-Slovak section, held in March 1924, also declared his loyalty to the C. I., at the time when he had his entire plan of desertion carefully prepared. After his desertion he also organized a so-called "Marxian" Federation, which pretended to "follow in the footsteps of the C. I.," but which, right from the beginning, followed in the footsteps of the Second International, and by this time has melted into it entirely. The aim of all such "Communists" is the same, conditions and circumstances only are different. They all begin and end the same way.

The Czecho-Slovak fraction bureau of the party, taking into consideration all these circumstances and also the serious situation in which our party finds itself now, during its reorganization and bolshevization period appeals to all the Czecho-Slovak workers who are members of our party to unite the ranks into one solid body for a fight against whatever remnants remain of Loreism and Beranekism.

A Lesson For all Comrades.

Comrades: try your best to convince all members who still hold to such ideas, of their erroneous and doubtful standpoint and bring them into the ranks of the reorganized party.

Many circumstances, as for instance, the old and inherited traditions, habits and methods of the old organizational apparatus, and probably the insufficiency of our educational activities, are at the bottom of the fact, that some of the members still do not see and do not understand the necessity of the reorganization. Help them along; but fight with all possible means against those who stand against the reorganization of the party in principle. Only in a reorganized party, which will respond to the seriousness of the situation and to the coming political and economical conditions, will we be in a position to become real Communists and Bolsheviks, going forward in the spirit of Leninism.

There will be many obstacles. It is necessary to discuss them thoroly and then act. If you become conscious of all the obstacles, you will easily overcome them; if not, they will appear later when you probably will not be in a position to deal with them successfully.

The object of every party member at present should be the bolshevization of our ranks!

Long live the Workers (Communists) Party!

Long live the Communist International!