

RESOLUTION ON THE LIQUIDATION OF LOREISM.

1. The Communist International has given a correct definition of Loreism. Loreism is opportunism. It is a right wing deviation from the revolutionary Leninist line of the Comintern and must therefore be relentlessly combatted.

2. The chief characteristics of Loreism as they manifested themselves in the development of our Party are the following:

(a) An underestimation of the fundamental changes in American capitalism since the late imperialist war and consequently a similar underestimation of the revolutionary potentialities of the present day class struggle in the United States. This opportunistic trait of Loreism has been finding refuge under such false pretenses as "soberness" and "realism" in the analysis of economic and political conditions.

(b) Another characteristic of Loreism is its complete lack of understanding of class relations. The totally un-Marxian Lassalleian maxim of the "one reactionary mass of non-proletarians" is for them the very essence of Marxism. The attitude of this tendency toward the farmers is determined by that incorrect maxim. With this concept of a fixed borderline between a clearly defined working class on the one hand and one unified and unchangeable reactionary mass on the other, it is quite natural that these elements see in every maneuver of our Party a useless action and an indefensible adventure.

(c) Failure to understand the true role of the Workers (Communist) Party as a militant revolutionary organization of the working class. This feature of Loreism manifests itself in a tremendous overemphasis of the propaganda functions of our Party as against and to the exclusion of its fighting role, its active participation in the political life and struggles of the country. Opposition to the united front tactics of the Comintern that were presented by Loreism in the early days of this policy, and opposition to political maneuvers in general, both spring from the same opportunistic conception of the role of our Party.

(d) On the surface, a slighting and skeptical attitude, but in reality a fundamental opposition to the agrarian and colonial policies of the Comintern. This opportunistic attitude springs from a non-Leninist conception of the role of the proletariat in the class struggle. Loreism fails to understand the objective need and possibility of alliances between the working class on the one hand and the oppressed farmers and the colonial peoples on the other hand, with their revolutionary proletariat playing the leading role.

(e) Opportunistic compromises and deviations on the trade union field and in other working class non-partisan organizations. These deviations take the form of struggle for office for the sake of the office to the total neglect of our main task, which is to win the working masses of these organizations for the revolutionary class struggle and for the leadership of the Communist Party.

(f) Concealed and open opposition to centralized Party control of the activities of Party members inside the Party and particularly in non-Party organizations. Considered from this angle, Loreism means a social-democratic distortion of the principles of Communist organization and Communist discipline.

(g) A consistent sympathetic attitude and support of the right wing groups in the Communist International (support of Serrati, Levi, Brandler and Trotskyism).

(h) An extreme readiness to make concessions to reformist prejudices and non-Communist views of politically backward workers to the extent of sacrificing Communist principles and policies.

(i) A sneering attitude toward the Bolshevization slogan of the Communist International, and

(j) Opposition in principle to underground (illegal) work and an unwillingness to understand the absolute necessity for a Communist Party of combining legal with illegal work.

3. The Workers Party is in full agreement with the thesis on Bolshevization adopted at the last Plenum of the Communist International, which says:

"The Bolshevization of the parties must first of all and above all be directed in the future against these right wing distortions which threaten to foil the historic mission of the Comintern."

4. The growth and Bolshevization of our Party demand the complete and thoro liquidation of Loreism. This becomes doubly necessary in view of the present world situation marked by a slower tempo

of revolutionary development which tends to strengthen reformist illusions among certain sections of the proletariat. A truly Bolshevik Party, free from the taint of opportunism, is the best and most effective means of checking the development of social-democratic illusions among the workers. In the Workers Party of America, Loreism is the most dangerous tendency, for the additional reason that it reflects in the sharpest form the resistance of the antiquated social-democratic forms of organization to the reorganization of the party on the basis of shop nuclei.

5. The Party is ready for the complete political and organizational liquidation of Loreism. Thru six years of development of our movement marked by intensive inner struggles of a young growing Communist Party, the point has been reached when the overwhelming majority of the Party is ready to take a definite and clear stand against Loreism. This by itself is a sign of the growing maturity and Bolshevik quality of our Party.

6. But the first prerequisite for the successful liquidation of Loreism is the liquidation of the factional struggle between the Majority and Minority and unification of the two groups on the basis of the policies and tactics of the Comintern.

7. Thru an intensive ideological campaign against Loreism, the unified Party will succeed in winning over to the position of the Communist International all proletarian and basically Communist elements of the present adherents of Loreism. It must be the ambition of the Party not to surrender a single worker to the ideological influence of Loreism.

8. Loreism must also be liquidated organizationally. This means that no organized Lore or Poyntz groups will be permitted to exist in the Party, that neither Lore nor a Loreite will be permitted on the next Central Executive Committee of the Party, and that no leading Party organ or committee will be directed by followers of Loreism.

9. The decision of the Comintern on Loreism expresses the conviction of the overwhelming majority of the Party. The Party will put this decision into effect in the best possible manner and in the shortest possible time.

(Adopted unanimously.)