

# GERMAN SECTION OF W. P. PLEDGES FIGHT ON LORE

## Membership Meeting in N. Y. Indorses C. E. C.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—At a meeting held at the Hungarian Labor Temple the German branches of Greater New York attended by 100 members unanimously adopted a resolution condemning Loreism and pledging their support to the new C. E. C. in its attempts to unify and Bolshevikize the party, and to the efforts of the new bureau of the German Federation to build up a revolutionary section of the party among the German workers.

### Report on National Convention

Comrade Wolfe reported on the national convention and Comrade Weinstein and Comrade Leman, secretary of the German bureau, spoke on Loreism. After a thoro discussion, in which all points of view freely expressed themselves, particularly on Loreism, the resolution was put.

Comrade Wolfe stressed, in his report, the fact that this convention differed from previous ones in its emphasis upon the Bolshevikization of the party, and achieved more in that direction than all the others. The factional fight, which was so bitter during the last pre-convention period, went back to the founding of the party, with its heterogeneous and in many instances, partly Communist elements. The many comrades who considered only surface manifestations looked upon the discussion as merely a struggle for power between two groups, the convention decisions arrived at and the manner in which the convention was carried on, made it plain that it was a struggle for the Bolshevikization of the party.

The convention settled for the party the question of Loreism. Comrade Wolfe showed how much the party needed unity, and urged all the Communist elements to come together and to give all their time and energy to the work before the party. Any crisis that might result would be particularly evident in the German Federation, where Loreism had its origin. But after the struggle against Loreism the party would come out unified and strengthened beyond anything before possible.

### Lore Sapped Vitality of German Section

Comrade Leman pointed out that the German Federation had been sapped of its vitality under Lore's domination, its membership had dropped, and work in the unions and other workers' organizations demoralized.

### Blohm Supports Lore and Loreism

In the discussion from the floor following the reports of Wolfe and Leman, Blohm insisted that Lore had not once deviated from Communist principle, but had differed merely on questions of tactics; that propaganda and agitation, and not political maneuvers

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THE Scandinavian section of our party is one of the smaller language sections of our party. This makes the reorganization of its membership on the basis of shop nuclei and international branches easier than in the big federations of the party.

The ideological propaganda for the reorganization has already begun among the Scandinavian comrades. There has, so far, been no opposition against it. Some lectures and discussions have taken place in the Chicago branches, where also every fundamental question of the reorganization was discussed in detail and made clear for the members. The organ of the federation, Ny Tid, has published a few articles on the problem, and especially about the role of the federations in the time of the reorganization, and the role of the "Workingmen's Clubs" (the present language branches) and non-party proletarians, after the reorganization. The role of the Communist fractions in these "Workingmen's Clubs" has been explained. It has always been pointed out, that the reorganization cannot

be carried thru by the language committees of the federation, but only thru the direct party committees.

OUR federation most likely will not hold any national convention. All the decisions have already been rendered by the National Convention of the party. The reorganization of our federation can be carried thru merely with the assistance of the district conventions. In fact, we already had a convention of our eighth district, (Chicago). Thruout this convention it was obvious that the best way to make the members understand the reorganization and carry it out, as far as our federation is concerned, will be thru the district conventions.

Probably a member of the Scandinavian bureau will have to be present at the other district conventions of our federation, and there explain the reorganization in every detail and assist the comrades in their work. This way will not only be less expensive than a national convention, but also more effective.

In our ideological propaganda preparing the reorganization, we have put a big stress upon the individual initiative of every member in a factory or a workshop so that be, when

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were the work of a Communist Party in this country, since we must first prepare the workers by our propaganda, and we would then execute maneuvers with them. He stressed the point that it was better to achieve good results even tho by wrong methods, as he said Lore had done, than bad results by correct methods, as the party had done. He sharply condemned the Communist International for interfering in the American movement, declaring that the C. I. had treated the American members as automations.

Comrade Berg, who followed, admitted that Lore had made errors, but insisted that the party and the Communist International had also made mistakes. He said that Lore had been right on the LaFollette question and, that he had not fought the C. I.

Comrades Rosenberger, Hamp, Corbasky, Johnson and Sanger were other comrades who spoke from the floor. They claimed that the German Federation had been demoralized by the bureaucratic family which Lore had gathered around him, sabotaged party decisions and work, and instanced dozens of occasions upon which Lore and the Volkszeitung had failed to maintain the Communist position.

### Blohm Exposed as Lore Agent

Comrade Weinstein in reporting upon Loreism for the C. E. C. showed that the progress had been made in most other federations, none had in the German, due to Lore's leadership. At the last German convention Lore had stated that the German workers

were too well off for us to make progress among them. In the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society and in the German unions and tourists clubs, Lore had worked to build up a personal following and not to build up the movement.

Tho the field was so fertile, little of an organizational character had been accomplished for the party. The Volkszeitung had carried on its campaigns weakly, had been a news-dispenser, but not a fighting, organizing Communist organ, such as was typified by the Russian Iskra under Lenin's direction, and such as every paper in the movement should, aim to become.

In answer to Comrade Blohm, Weinstein characterized as Kautskyite the differentiation between principles and tactics, between theory and practice, between organization and propaganda. Blohm had defended Lore and in declaring against the interference of the Communist International in the American question, showed that he had not the slightest conception of what an international signified. The differences between the party and Lore, on the questions of party and international discipline, on that of an underground party, on the Chinese revolutionary movement, his opposition to the German Communist Party uprising in March 1923, which he characterized as a "putsch" in truly social-democratic fashion, his continued belief in Serrati's errors when even the latter admitted his errors, his opposition not only to the labor party but to all united fronts, all these issues, tho but a small part of Lore's record of passive sabotage and active opposition, showed his non-Communist character.

Lore would rather be the leader of the Volkszeitung than of a revolutionary section of the party. Tho he knew that his expulsion was before the party and the C. I., he had refused to go to Moscow, with the excuse that he was more necessary in the fight in the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, a fight which the Volkszeitung had sabotaged.

Weinstein asked Blohm why he not only had not tried to win over the paper for the party, but had even injured the party by publishing such bits as the Horthy advertisement. Blohm's arguments, Weinstein pointed out, had only one object, to defeat the party's fight against Loreism.

In answer to Comrade Berg, Weinstein pointed out that mere formal discipline was not enuf. It was not accepting the Communist International and the party decisions to say that Lore had made errors, and then to refuse to specify what those errors were, and to enlarge only upon the errors of the movement. Such evasion and indirect defense of Loreism was not the sort of support the party expected after convention decisions had been reached. He asked Comrade Berg and other comrades to declare in clearcut fashion if they would support the resolution introduced and take energetic steps to fight Loreism. Berg said he was for the resolution, and would fight the members of the former bureau who had resigned from the party and who were going over to the yellow socialists slowly but definitely.

In closing, Comrade Weinstein appealed to the comrades to win over every sincere proletarian who was under Lore's influence. Our task now is to build a mass, revolutionary movement among the German workers, more consistent activity in all their organizations, to build up now what Lore had prevented, unified party activity in all German workers organizations, to unify and Bolshevikize the party and reorganize it on the shop nucleus basis. The liquidation of Loreism is the first step for the German section.

When the vote on the resolution was taken, it was unanimous, except for Comrade Blohm, who had left before the vote came up.

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