

# MOTION ON THE EXPULSION OF LORE FROM THE PARTY

Supplementary to Parity Commission Resolution Proposed Jointly by Comrades Bedacht and Bittelman.

SINCE the decision of the enlarged plenum of the C. I. on Loreism, Lore has been manifesting tendencies which have proven to the party that Lore does not intend to abide by the decision of the Comintern. In fact, the whole behavior of Lore is hostile and antagonistic to the C. I. and the party. His activities during the last few months can be construed as nothing else than the ideological and political preparation for a split from the party. This compels the convention to take clear and definite action on the matter of Lore.

The American Party contains opportunist elements as were stigmatized by the Communist International. In May, 1924, the question of Lore and Loreism was first taken up by the C. I. in April, 1925, due to the world situation and to the refusal of Lore to attend the Comintern sessions and to correct his mistakes, and to the growing militancy of the right wing in our party, the C. I. again took a stand on the same question. In the decision of April, 1925, based upon the activities and writings of Comrade Lore, the C. I. declared Lore is a social democratic opportunist, that he is unfit for membership in the C. E. C. of our party and that he must be removed as editor of the Volkszeitung. The C. I. thus pointed out the need of taking ideological and organizational measures against Lore.

HIS failure to accept the invitation of the C. I. to participate in the plenum and to explain his points of view is clear and definite proof that Lore refuses to come to terms with the C. I. and to accept its policies and leadership.

Since the C. I. decision, of April, 1925, Comrade Lore has continued to be in opposition to the policies of the Comintern and is conducting a policy that leads away from and against the Comintern. He has combatted the reorganization of the party on the basis of shop nuclei, raising

doubts as to the efficacy of this form of organization as the basis of our party. Comrade Lore conceives as the main function of our party merely education and propaganda—a purely social-democratic point of view. Comrade Lore has manifested a social-democratic idea of imperialism—in recent articles on China, etc.

Owing to this attitude of Comrade Lore, the C. E. C. acting on the decision of the Communist International, decided to take certain steps against Lore and Loreism in our party. It conducted an ideological campaign exposing the nature of Loreism as a phase of international opportunism and educating the membership of our party and the workers generally as to its character and danger.

IT became necessary also to take organizational steps against Lore, in conformity with the instructions of the C. I. Comrade Lore was instructed to carry out the following measures:

1. To take steps to put the Volkszeitung under control of the party.
2. To line up the Loreite Bureau of the German Federation to carry out the decision of the C. I.
3. To educate the membership of the German Federation as to the nature of social-democratic opportunism in our party—which extends far beyond the German Federation into the Finnish, Jewish and other Federations.

WHAT has Comrade Lore done to carry out these instructions?

1. Comrade Lore has failed to take a single step to put the Volkszeitung under control of the party—even to the extent of refusing to furnish the party with a copy of the constitution and the by-laws of the Socialist Co-operative Publishing Association, which controls the paper.

2. Instead of lining up the German Bureau for executing the decision of the party, Lore has organized the Bureau against the party. Lore has fur-

thermore organized the membership of the Socialist Co-operative Publishing Association to resist the taking over of the Volkszeitung by the party.

3. Comrade Lore and the German Bureau have denied the branches of the German Federation the right and opportunity to discuss Trotskyism and Loreism, thus obstructing one of the primary steps in bolshevizing the workers in the German Federation.

4. Comrade Lore has refused to publish the articles written by Comrade Bedacht on instructions of the sub-committee of the C. E. C.—articles intended to make clear the position of the C. I. and the opportunist deviations of Comrade Lore.

The Parity Commission recently issued a resolution on the liquidation of Loreism in the Workers Party—a resolution which clearly reveals that nature of Loreism and demonstrates that Loreism and opportunism are ripe in many sections of our party. On August 5, this resolution was placed before Comrade Lore and the German Bureau by the sub-committee of the C. E. C. In the discussion which followed, Comrade Lore vigorously defended his opportunist position, declaring that his point of view had been "perverted, distorted and misrepresented in Moscow, where the leaders of the C. I. were given only excerpts and digests of his articles."

THIS is the usual excuse of all opportunists in Communist parties. Like Comrade Askell, Comrade Lore defended the so-called Communism in his articles, thus proving that he is an incurable opportunist and therefore is dangerous to our party.

Comrade Schueler, an active member of the German Bureau, declared himself in opposition to the policies of the Communist International which he stated, to be only temporary. Other members of the Bureau expressed themselves as against the "despotism of Moscow." Against these statements, Comrade Lore did not say a

word in defense of the C. I.

This attitude on the part of all the Loreite members of the German Bureau made it necessary for the party to take drastic steps. Upon their voting against the Parity resolution, they were immediately removed from the Bureau and the Bureau was reorganized.

Since the publication of the decision of the Parity Commission on Loreism, there appeared in the Volkszeitung a series of editorials which not only take definite issues with the decision but also reaffirm the correctness of Lore's views which were denounced by the C. I. as non-Communist and opportunist.

LORE failed to come to the convention of the party altho he is a member of the Central Executive Committee and altho he knew that the question of Loreism and Lore will be the central point on the agenda of the convention. This failure to come to the party convention and defend before the party his position, again proves that Lore no longer considers himself bound by party opinion and party discipline.

Lore has been sabotaging in every possible way the carrying out of the Central Executive Committee's decision regarding the Volkszeitung.

Generally speaking, Lore has been treating the party as a whole and the New York district organization, of which he is a member, as an enemy showing complete disregard for the party's functions and activities.

These facts are proof sufficient for the party that Lore has embarked upon a course of open opposition and hostility to the party and the C. I. That Lore is preparing his ground for open, organized struggle against the party. In view of this situation, the convention decides:

1. That Lore's presence in the party has become a menace to its Communist integrity and to its organizational unity.
2. That the interests of Bolshevizing our party, particularly its reorganization on the basis of shop nuclei, demand that the party free itself of the opportunistic influence and anti-Bolshevik tendencies of Lore.
3. That Lore is expelled forthwith from the Workers (Communist) Party of America.