

# LORE DRIVEN INTO THE OPEN

STATEMENT BY THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WORKERS PARTY.

**T**HE Workers Party is a Communist Party, the American section of the Communist International. It endeavors to be a worthy and effective part of the international army of the revolutionary proletariat. It can do that only by developing its theory and revolutionizing its activity, by Bolshevizing itself. Only as a Bolshevik Party will it be able to approach the manifold and difficult problems of the class struggle in America with revolutionary understanding and energy.

In the process of Bolshevization of the party conflicts with the non- or even anti-Bolshevist elements within the party are unavoidable, and, in the interests of the purification of the party, even welcome. Such conflicts must be developed by the party to the logical conclusion of either Bolshevizing and assimilating the not yet Bolshevist element or finally eliminating all anti-Bolshevist elements.

**T**HE non- or anti-Bolshevist elements within our party have up to now found their most consistent spokesman in the person of Ludwig Lore. Since the very inception of the Communist movement in the United States, Lore has been in conflict with, altho professing allegiance to it, with the growing activation (Bolshevization) of our party, these conflicts became more acute and could not longer be slighted or disregarded. The needs of Bolshevization forces our party to take issue with Lore and the tendency of which he is the most conscious and most consistent representative.

Altho at first we did not succeed in mobilizing the whole party for the struggle against Loreism we did succeed in winning the unqualified support of the Communist International. The Communist International finally accomplished the task of unifying the whole party for the struggle against Loreism and for Bolshevization.

Lore was entrenched in the position of chief editor of the New York Volkszeitung and as secretary of the Bureau of the German Section of our party. A party organ such as the New York Volkszeitung and a bureau of a language section of our party, are both equally important as instruments in the hands of the party for Bolshevization. It therefore, became necessary to attempt to get Lore to

submit to the political direction and policies of the party, the C. I. and the Communist International.

**A**LL attempts in that direction were frustrated by the active opposition of Lore and his close friends. The C. I. was finally forced to demand ultimately of the German bureau to submit to the party and its policy. This the bureau refused to do by a vote of 6 including Lore, against 3.

There was only one way open for the Central Executive Committee; to suspend the non-Communist members from the bureau and to appoint in their place loyal Communists and adherents to the Communist International.

The action of Lore and his followers on the German Bureau demonstrated beyond doubt and contrary to all protestations of loyalty by Lore that Lore was unwilling to submit to the discipline of our international party, the Comintern. While Lore protested his loyalty he held meetings and conferences with his followers preparing for resistance to, and an eventual split from the Workers Party and the Comintern.

Under these conditions the expulsion of Lore from the party became an imperative necessity. The convention of our party recognized this and decided upon the expulsion unanimously.

**L**ORE, who continually claimed to have been maligned with the Comintern, refused consistently to appear before the Comintern in his own behalf.

In March, 1924, efforts were made to get Lore instructed to go to Moscow. The efforts failed because of the resistance of Lore. In January, 1925, Lore was practically requested by the Comintern to come to Moscow. Under some pretext Lore again refused. In April, 1925, a new effort was made to have Lore appear before the Comintern. Again without results.

Before the Parity Commission, Lore announced his intention of going to Moscow. But instead of submitting to the C. I. and preparing his appeal he prepared a revolt against the C. I.

Lore is perfectly aware that even against the unanimous decision of the party convention for his expulsion he still has an appeal open to the Comintern. Any revolutionist who values his membership in the only revolu-

tionary party existing would avail himself of this last chance and appeal.

But Lore knows that he is not telling the truth when he says that he is better than his reputation. He knows his fundamental disagreement with the Comintern. He knows that he has only two ways open—submission or fight. In proof of our contention that he is not a Communist he chose to fight the Comintern.

**L**ORE has since published several declarations. A signed one published in the New York Volkszeitung of September 1, 1925, and an unsigned editorial published in the Volkszeitung of September 6. Every sentence of either one of these declarations has Loreism written all over it. On September 1, Lore still promises to support the C. I. policies. But on September 6, he takes issue with the major policy of the Comintern, that of acting as the leader of its world party. On September 2, Lore gives space in the Volkszeitung to a declaration of the five former members of the German bureau suspended from that body with him in which they declare above their signatures, first, that there is no Loreism; second, that they believe in Loreism, and third, that they feel in duty bound to demonstrate their loyalty to Loreism by deserting the party. On September 4, Lore opens the columns of the Volkszeitung for an public discussion of the Workers Party. This discussion is indicative of the direction in which Loreism is developing. On September 5, we find as part of this discussion a contribution giving a "history" of our party made out of whole cloth. On the 6th, the 8th, and 9th, we find articles signed by a pseudonym containing open and violent attacks against the Comintern, its theories and policies. Lore, who on September 1, still protested his loyalty to Comintern policies, finds it perfectly in order to open the columns of his paper to these attacks.

But that is the logic of his course. This course leads further and further away from the Comintern into the camp of the enemies of the working class, the social democrats. Levi traveled that road; so did Hoglund and Friesland.

**S**OME few of the members of our party have in the past not clearly

understood Lore's policies and aims. But now it must be clearly apparent that one cannot be an adherent of Lore and at the same time a revolutionary Communist. One cannot follow Lore who fights the Comintern and at the same time be a loyal member of the Comintern. Lore and his close friends have dropped their masks. Every member of our party with whom the services in the world army of the revolutionary proletariat is a matter of proletarian revolutionary honor will repudiate Lore and his followers as enemies of the revolutionary proletariat, as enemies of the Workers Party, as enemies of the Communist International.

Lore is now engaged in attempting to split our party. Thru nuclei Loreist nuclei which he maintained in the German branches all throughout the existence of the Workers Party he now endeavors to cause a mass withdrawal from the party to build up his own private workers' educational organization.

It becomes the Communist duty of every party member to fight this creation of Lore. These workers' educational organizations are sailing under a false flag. They are not Communist, they are not revolutionary. They are anti-Communist adjuncts of the anti-proletarian social-democrats in America.

**O**UR party members and especially those in the German Federation will close their ranks for a decisive struggle against the anti-Bolshevik influences and anti-Bolshevik activities of Lore and his organization outside and the remnants of Loreism within our party. Every member must be mobilized in the next few weeks to defeat the efforts of Lore to destroy our German branches and all energy must be devoted to the tremendous task of Bolshevik reorganization. With the progress of the Bolshevization of our party it will become invulnerable against all attacks by renegades from within and without.

Clean the party of Loreism!  
Long live the Workers Party!  
Long live the Comintern!

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the Workers Party,

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