

For Unity and Mass Work

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IN its general political line the Fourth Convention of the Workers (Communist) Party has made the first step towards the unification of the Party ranks. All the political resolutions unanimously adopted by the Party Commission were also unanimously adopted by the convention. With the arrival of the Cabled Decision of the Comintern a firmer basis was had for this unification process.

Now there was no longer a basis for groupings within the Party with distinct political programs. The only orientation left for all the former groupings was the unification of all the Communist forces behind the Comintern decision.

The opposition to such an orientation was sponsored by the Foster Group. Thus the Foster Group definitely portrayed that it was supporting and being supported by the right elements in the Party. As such, it became the duty of all the Communist forces to fight against this right wing tendency.

This was the inner Party political prospectus faced by the Third National Convention of the Y. W. L. Already in the caucus of the Foster Group during the Party convention, the former majority of the N. E. C. insofar as they definitely repudiated the wrong line of Comrade Foster, took a definite step towards the left—away from the right wing elements and towards the unification of all the Communist forces. We declare that such a development was a healthy one, not only for the League but for the entire Communist movement.

Achievement of Organic Unity.

It speaks well for the Young Workers League that only three weeks

after the convention, complete unity has already been established in the League and a step has been taken to help the Party also establish unity. What is the basis for this unity? Is it such unity as has been spoken of for a long time in the Party without being achieved?

Or is it organic unity based upon complete agreement on the fundamental tasks of the movement and a sincere desire to carry these tasks thru?

Anyone reading the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the National Executive Committee will have to come to the conclusion that organic unity has finally been established in the League. The resolution is not a platonic one. It does not speak in let-us-forget-the-past terms. It does not evade any issues. It meets these issues squarely and gives a solution to every problem. In brief the resolution declares: There are no longer any political differences in the League. It is necessary to unite the League against the right elements in the Party who are uniting around Comrade Foster and at the same time the League must rally to fight against the crystallization of a new intermediate group, as such a group would inevitably move towards a consolidation with the right elements.

It is all the more significant that this resolution was adopted unanimously at a meeting of the National Executive Committee. The comrades from both former groups were in complete agreement, not merely on the practical work of the League, but on the importance of initiating the fight for the unification of the Communist movement in this country.

Important For the Party

This development is not merely

important for the League, but it is important for the Party as well. It is one of the most important duties of the Young Communist Leagues to fight all deviations and for the consolidation of all Communist forces on the program of the Comintern. It is necessary for the youth to take the initiative in this work. The youth must set an example for the Party in such cases.

Members of the League! Our task is clear. We must show that we are a worthy section of the Young Communist International. The Russian, the French, the German, the Scandinavian Leagues have won their places in the ranks of the Y. C. I. by fighting for the line of the Comintern and for the unification of the Communist forces.

Forward To Mass Work.

The League must now take up energetically the work of Bolshevization and of winning over the broad masses of the working youth. Big tasks face our League in the coming period. We must recognize the weak position the League finds itself in from the viewpoints of organizational development and mass work. Because of the tense situation at the last League convention we made the big mistake of not giving attention to all our League problems. This must now be rectified. The whole strength of our League must be mustered for an energetic work in the Anthracite strike, against Capitalist militarism and imperialism, for the Bolshevization of the League and its complete reorganization on the basis of shop nuclei—in short we must break the lethargy of the membership and the entire League towards mass work and make definite steps in our development towards a mass organization. Forward to unity and mass work!