

World Socialism

THE POLISH PARLIAMENT

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The Polish Socialist Party, supported by the trade unions, the Bund, and other labor groups, is preparing to call a one-day general strike against the new electoral law which the reactionaries are preparing to force upon the country.

The main features of the proposed electoral system are:

1. Voting right will be limited to those who were 24 years of age the day before the election is decided upon. Only those 30 years of age may be candidates for election.

2. The country is divided into 104 districts, each to elect two deputies to parliament. The deputies are to be elected from a list prepared by an electoral chamber.

3. The electoral chamber is composed as follows: independent municipalities (large cities) one delegate for 40,000 inhabitants; other cities, one delegate for 6,000 inhabitants; provinces, one delegate for 20,000 inhabitants; counties, two delegates for those over 6,000 population, and one delegate for all others. There are also to be delegates from Chambers of Commerce, professional organizations, farmers organizations, trade unions, etc.

4. Each electoral chamber nominates four candidates (two to be elected) but no one can be nominated who obtains less than 25 per cent. of the total vote in the chamber. No one can be elected who obtains less than 10,000 votes.

5. The Senate, with veto power over all legislation is to consist of 96 members: one third named by the president and two thirds elected by the senatorial electors.

6. Senatorial electors must be at least 30 years old. Members of the Senate must be 40 years of age.

7. Senatorial electors can only be "worthy" citizens, i.e., who have military honors, graduates of universities or officer's schools, members of municipal governments, executive members of Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Associations (employers), heads of national unions, farmer's organizations and handicraft guilds.

8. The Senators are elected by the electoral collegiums made up of representatives from the sub-districts (120 to 150) into which each Senatorial district is divided.

The Socialist Party has introduced a substitute project based on universal suffrage for all elections, direct elections and proportionate representation.

United Front

International trade union unity has been brought nearer as a result of the (Amsterdam) Trade Union International at its last meeting. On the initiative of J. Jonheaux (France) a resolution was adopted declaring for unity. The existing International is to be recognized as the basis, the Red Trade Union International is to be dissolved and its members join the respective union of the International. Unity must also be achieved in each individual country. The resolution further authorized negotiations to achieve unity on this basis.

It is expected that the Norwegian Unions, which are unaffiliated and were instrumental in bringing about this decision, will undertake to arrange the negotiations.

The main speakers on this ques-

tion were Jonheaux and Citrine (England). The latter declared that he and Jonheaux had changed roles. In 1924 he was for and Jonheaux against unity. Now it is the opposite.

Proof Necessary

Further proof that the recent Enukidze incident in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union represented a political, rather than a moral situation, was furnished by the speech of S. Kossiov, member of the Political Committee, and secretary of the Ukrainian Party. He declared that "in connection with the expulsion of Enukidze, evidence had been unearthed of the direct connection of Zinoviev, Kamenev, and Trotsky in the recent assassination of Kiroff."

How is it possible that action against an individual for "moral corruption should disclose such evidence?" Is there any connection? On the basis of the "morality" theory, one will vainly wrack his brain for the answer. But as we never accepted such an explanation, this additional charge only substantiates our previous analysis.

Nor is the outright accusation against Stalin's main factional opponents (as against insinuations and indirections previously) any more convincing. Kossiov charges in his speech that Zinoviev and Kamenev, "not only inspired the shooting of Kiroff, but were direct organizers of the murder and acted in full agreement with Trotsky". If there is really proof that these charges are true, let it be published. It might even be used as evidence at a trial for Zinoviev and Kamenev. In the meanwhile, however, these two are in jail without a trial; no evidence whatsoever has been submitted, and new expulsions and cleansings take place daily. (In Uzbekistan, 26% of the members were expelled, 13% reduced to "candidates" and 13% to "sympathizers" and 13% to "sympathizers" and 51% altogether "cleansed").

Is this the way to strengthen the position of the Soviet Union in the present dangerous period?

PHILLY SOCIALISTS JAILED—IGNORED SOAP-BOX BAN

PHILADELPHIA — In an attempt to smash police rulings denying use of the streets to Socialists, Leon Shull and H. Close, Philadelphia Socialists spoke in open defiance of the law. They were arrested and fined \$10 and costs, but are appealing the case in an attempt to get more favorable decisions from high courts.

Several unions have signified their interest in the fight and have promised the Socialists support in their announced continued violation of the law.

STENOS MOVE

NEW YORK—The Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants' Union is moving to larger headquarters at 44 E. 23rd St., New York City. Organizers are Leo Rosenblum and Leonard Bright.