

# The Red International Committee

**I**N order that the revolutionary movement may prosper and develop, it is absolutely essential that there be no dualism in our ranks. Wherever supporters of the Red International of Labor Unions are found, in the A. F. of L. or independent unions, they must have a uniform policy and program. Recognizing this fact, which applies everywhere, the Second Congress of the R. I. L. U. decided that councils or committees should be established in the various countries through which the revolutionaries in all organizations could come to a common understanding and co-operation in carrying out the program of the R. I. L. U. In accordance with this decision, representatives of the T. U. E. L. met in New York, June 6th, with representatives of the various unions affiliated to the R. I. L. U. The conference adopted the following tentative proposition, which has been submitted to the several organizations for ratification:

## Statement

The prime essentials for achieving unification of the American labor movement are a mutual understanding between the militant groups in the many varied types of trade union organization, a clear insight into the causes for their being, and a recognition of the fact that while each group or type of organization plays its relative part in Labor's struggles the activity of each should be directed along lines of a common policy mutually agreed upon. These essentials can be arrived at only when the various militant groups have an organic medium through which they can all secure expression.

Heretofore such a point of general contact has not existed. Although in the main guided by a common ideology, the militant groups, because of their isolation from each other, have tended to developed policies and activities with little regard for one another. The consequence has been many misunderstandings and much working at cross purposes, to the detriment of all. The Red International Committee has been formed to correct this evil by furnishing the center through which the revolutionary groups can come to the necessary understanding and thus bring about the unification of their policies.

The Red International Committee will not be an organization exercising arbitrary pressure upon its component bodies and seeking to compel them to accept preconceived plans. On the contrary, recognizing that the existence of the various forms of militant organizations is evidence of the underlying forces that have produced them and proof positive that they cannot arbitrarily be swept aside, the Committee will give full weight to the various organizations and tendencies represented and will develop policies in accord therewith. It is with this aim in mind,

to develop uniform policies for its various affiliates, that the Red International Committee is organized under the following rules:

## Rules

1. *Name*: This organization shall be known as the Red International Committee of the United States and Canada.
2. *Composition*: The R. I. C. shall be made up of labor organizations and revolutionary minorities in the United States and Canada that are in accord with or affiliated to the Red International of Labor Unions.
3. *Purpose*: The aim of the R. I. C. shall be to establish a contact between the affiliates of the R. I. L. U. and to co-ordinate the activities of all those who accept and wish to further the principles of the R. I. L. U. The R. I. C. shall not set itself up as a trade union organization or function as such in rivalry to existing labor bodies. It shall not issue charters, levy compulsory assessments, collect per capita tax, or claim trade union jurisdiction over workers in any locality or industry.
4. *Representation*: The R. I. C. is a voluntary committee in which proportional representation is neither feasible nor necessary. Each labor union directly affiliated to the R. I. L. U. shall be entitled to 2 delegates. The T. U. E. L., representing the revolutionary minorities in all labor unions in the United States and Canada, shall have 4 delegates. Each delegate shall have one vote.
5. *Finance*: The general expenses of the R. I. C. shall be borne pro rata by the affiliated organizations. Each organization shall provide the expenses of its delegates to the R. I. C.
6. *Officers*: The officers of the R. I. C. shall be a Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected yearly in June.
7. *Meetings*: The R. I. C. shall meet approximately monthly. At the conclusion of each meeting the time and place of the next meeting shall be set. If in any case this is not done the Secretary-Treasurer, in conjunction with the Chairman, shall call the next meeting, giving due notice thereof to all affiliated organizations.
8. *Changes*: The rules of this committee may be changed at any regular meeting of the R. I. C., providing that due notice of such change has been given at the meeting just previous.

## SACCO-VANZETTI DEFENSE

**F**OR upwards of 30 days the receipts of the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee have been nothing. All persons who have sent money please notify this Committee at once with details. Circumstances indicate that our mail is not coming through. We cannot carry on your battle to save our two comrades from the death chair unless we have funds. *Act at once!*

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