

Stress Need of Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat

(This is the last installment of the report made by Sou Chao-jen, chairman of the All-China Labor Federation, at the second meeting of the Pan-Pacific Trade Union secretariat in Shanghai.)

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In conclusion I must say a few words about the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat. We have known for long the necessity of such an organization, and now we are learning practically the benefits to be gained. It is a necessary organ to lead the movement in the colonial and semi-colonial countries, and to link up the labor struggle in capitalist lands with the revolutionary movement in the colonies; it is necessary in order to meet the special problems in the Pacific, which are growing so acute.

Origin of Pan-Pacific Secretariat.

When, more than two years ago, the Australian trade unions initiated this movement, we regretted very much we could not send delegates to Australia; we were prepared to do so, but telegrams and letters were withheld from us by the imperialists until it was too late. We were very sorry indeed. We had many problems which it was necessary to discuss with the trade unions of the Pacific. The Chinese trade unions always felt the need of a Pan-Pacific Trade Union organization. As far back as 1924, there was held in Canton a Pacific Transport Workers Conference, in which Filipinos, Javanese, Chinese and others participated. The revolutionary struggle in China became so sharp and developed so fast, we could not pay the proper continuous attention to our international connections. However, last year in Hankow our Pan-Pacific Secretariat was successfully established; we only regretted the absence then of our Australian comrades, for reasons which we all know. Because of that absence in the Hankow conference, we can be especially glad that our Australian

comrade is chairman of these sessions. It is also a great pleasure to us to meet here for the first time the Filipino trade union comrades. The Hankow conference had its due influence upon the Chinese workers; we published resolutions and speeches. But we must admit that our propaganda was insufficient, especially because the counter-revolution broke out so soon after. But in China we have never been able to do sufficient propaganda about anything, because we are so pressed for action.

Tasks of Pan-Pacific Secretariat.

We believe the Pan-Pacific Secretariat has three outstanding immediate tasks. (1) We must establish wider and more intimate connections with all countries. This meeting must see that initiative is taken on this matter. (2) We must lead in organization of trade unions in all Pacific lands, especially where the movement is young or non-existent. In this connection we must note that Amsterdam and Geneva are now beginning to get active in the East on behalf of their imperialist masters; they would not accept the invitations of the All-China Labor Federation but they will now accept the invitation of Chiang Kai-shek. (3) We must rally all our trade unions to the support of the workers of the U. S. S. R. which is the vanguard of the world's workers, which is hated by all the imperialists, which still, without fear, is leading the world proletariat. We must defend the U. S. S. R., the first country of the workers.

Further written reports will be submitted on the White Terror in China and on the condition of the Trade Unions.