

RED LABOR MEET HEARS REPORTS

Stress Need of Work Among Masses

(Special Cable to The Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 28. — Gay, reporting at the Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Trade Unions, on the organizational questions of the international movement, pointed out that the intensification of the class struggle in the principal capitalist states, and the growth of the trade union movement in colonial and semi-colonial countries bring before the revolutionary trade union movement a series of important tasks in the sphere of leadership of the working class.

“The whole work of the revolutionary trade union movement must be based on the drawing of the broad masses of the workers into discussions of the fundamental questions of the trade unions, the chief basis for the union’s activities being enterprise in the mills,” Gay said. “The carrying thru of mass work is impossible without creating and educating the necessary cadres of rank and file trade union militants.

Rank and File Work.

“To educate such cadres we must proceed by opening schools with courses on the problems of the trade union movement and systematically drawing into participation in the leading organs, comrades who have distinguished themselves in rank and file work.

“Trade union organizations adhering to the Red International must work to become mass organizations while those in countries where the Red International adherents work as revolutionary minorities must on the one hand win the workers who are dissatisfied with the reformist leadership and on the other hand, draw

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into the class trade union movement the unorganized layers of workers.

"The strengthening of the work in the revolutionary trade union movement means both the organization of new factory committees and further attention to those already existing.

Factory Committees.

"The factory and mill committees, being the basis of industrial unionism are destined to play a decisive role in the struggle of the working class. The factory committees won by the revolutionary trade union movement will be the leading points in the struggle against the trade union bureaucracy.

"The Unitarian Confederation of Labor in France and the International Federation of Czechoslovakia did not do sufficient work for a number of reasons. The resolutions adopted at the previous congress of the R. I. L. U. were only partly enforced.

Union Democracy.

"The Congress must indicate to the International Federation of Unions of Czechoslovakia that it is necessary to grant greater rights to its sections which will make the realization of trade union democracy possible.

"It is also necessary to liquidate the decentralization and weakness of the rank and file union organizations in the factories of France. The new tide of expulsions of revolutionary workers by the reformists must meet with resolute resistance and the struggle against the expulsions must be conducted as a broad mass campaign."

Mass Organization.

In conclusion Gay appealed to the members of the Congress to strengthen their organizational work in the revolutionary trade union movements of all countries.

Merker, of Germany Speaks.

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MOSCOW, March 28. — Reporting on the organizational question at the Fourth World Congress of the Red International of Labor Unions, Merker, of Germany, pointed out the importance of organizing the rank and file trade union apparatus and that the revolutionary trade unions must strive to raise their efforts to the proper level.

Dealing with the attempts of the reformists to split the labor movement, Merker emphasized the fact that the members of the Red International of Labor Unions did not explain to the masses of workers in a sufficiently systematic way the provocative maneuvers of the reformist trade union bureaucracy and the future necessity of an energetic struggle against the expulsion of militants from the trade unions. Those expelled must demand their readmittance to the trade unions, Merker said.

Struggle For Unity.

In conclusion Merker dwelt with the methods of struggle for the unity of the trade union movement and emphasized the necessity of joint action with workers still under the influence of the reformists for a struggle against fascism and for the daily demands of the working class.

Dudlier, the second reporter on the question of the organizational work of the General Unitarian Confederation of Labor pointed out that the reorganization of the Unitarian trade unions on an industrial basis have been fully effected and that the Confederation is striving for the greatest concentration of its organization to correspond with the growing concentration of capitalism.

Dudlier pointed out the defects of the Confederation's work and pointed out the weakness of a campaign among the unemployed workers and the foreign born workers in France.

Influence Grows.

"However in spite of these deficiencies, the Confederation's influence among the masses is steadily growing and the Confederation is leading the economic struggle of the working class. In the future the Confederation must overcome its deficiencies and establish the closest contact with the masses."

Latin Delegate Speaks.

Before opening the discussion of the reports, Fernandez on behalf of the Latin American delegation read a declaration refuting Nin's charges that the Red International of Labor Unions was guilty of right wing deviations, that no democracy existed in the Soviet trade unions and that there was a tendency toward the liquidation of the R. I. L. U.

"The delegation considers these assertions entirely fictitious," Fernandez said, "and emphatically protests against these slanderous attacks. We have been convinced, with our own eyes that the greatest degree of democracy exists in the Soviet Union. The Soviet trade unions are the most reliable bulwark of the R. I. L. U. and have given labor the best examples of international solidarity. The revolutionary labor movement of South America will use all of its force to defend the conquests of the Russian proletariat."