

## “The Second Section”

*A Victory of the P. P. T. U. S. Against Imperialism*

As related in the November issue, the Second Pan-Pacific Trade Union Conference was held in two sections, one at Vladivostok, the account of which was mostly given in our last issue, and one in Shanghai of delegates blocked by imperialist obstacles from arriving at Vladivostok.

Seldom in the history of the revolutionary labor movement has an organization contended with such enormous opposition and contended so successfully as did the revolutionary trade unionists of the Pacific organized in the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

The delegations which, seeking to travel to Vladivostok, were met by a united blockade of all imperialist powers, arrested, turned back, some forced to detour for thousands of miles, some out-witting the imperialist bloodhounds and getting there despite the blockade, give proof of the deeply-rooted place the P. P. T. U. S. has won in the life of the teeming millions of the Pacific area. But equal, if not superior admiration, must go to those workers' delegations which, unable to break through the imperialist blockade, and meet inside its steel ring as guests of the Soviet proletariat in the fortress of proletarian power—the Soviet Union—defied the watchdogs of imperialism and met under their very noses in Shanghai!

And not only did they meet, but they displayed genuinely revolutionary initiative in carrying through discussion and decisions on the agenda previously outlined.

With this splendid victory over the imperialists, the number of delegates who failed to

overcome obstacles and attend either the Vladivostok Conference or the “Second Section” at Shanghai, were relatively few. Besides the Indian workers, whose leaders are being imprisoned and murdered by the “labor” imperialist government of Ramsay MacDonald and who were unable to reach either Conference, one delegate of the Philippine Confederation of Peasants, Comrade Rodriguez, was arrested by the Japanese at Dairen, South Manchuria, taken to Moji and then deported to Shanghai accompanied by Japanese police and met at Shanghai by Japanese and Portuguese detectives directed by the British secret police.

*The Pan-Pacific Monthly* knows that every revolutionary worker in all the world will feel a profound joy that every delegate elected, with the exception of Comrade Rodriguez, took part in one or the other Conference; that both Conferences discussed the same problems and came to the same decisions—a proof of the success of the P. P. T. U. S. in raising and harmonizing the political outlook of the workers of all countries of the Far East.

The “Second Section” of the P. P. T. U. Conference was attended by both new and old affiliated organizations, by delegates of the Japanese Council of Trade Unions (Kyogikai); the All-China Labor Federation; the Philippine Proletarian Labor Congress; the Indonesian Federation of Labor (all so far named also had delegates at Vladivostok); the Philippine-Chinese Labor Association; and the Nanyang (Malayan) Federation of Labor which, from its center at Singapore, Straits Settlements, unites the labor

movement of Sumatra, Borneo, New Guinea, the Celebes, the Malay Peninsula, Burma, Siam and Indo-China—a vast and important region for the first time joining its forces in the Pan-Pacific Trade Union Secretariat.

All honor to the revolutionary daring and strategy which defeated imperialism in the “Second Section” of the Pan-Pacific Trade

Union Conference! In it is reflected the implacibility of the revolutionary movement of the Toilers of the East! Its decisions require and receive an equal weight with the decisions of the Vladivostok Conference, and in the pages of this issue of *The Pan-Pacific Monthly* we give full space to the historic “Second Section” of Shanghai.

