

Tasks of the Trade Union Unity League

Resolution Adopted by the Sixth Session of
the R.I.L.U. Central Council.

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NOTE—This is the final installment. The first installment was printed in yesterday's issue.

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(E) Work in the Reformist Unions.

Rationalization, unemployment, growing radicalization of the masses, etc., broaden the cleavage between the A.F.L. oligarchy and the mass of the rank and file members in the A.F.L. unions and creates the conditions for an attack in these unions against the A.F.L. bureaucracy. The guiding principle for the T.U.U.L. and its followers should be: To work wherever the masses are, in the first place—in the shops and factories, among the huge mass of unorganized drawing these broad masses into the revolutionary trade unions. At the same time, the T.U.U.L. and its adherents must not neglect their activities among these sections of the workers who are still in the social-fascist trade unions. Wherever our adherents succeed, through such consistent work within the reactionary unions to capture any local organization and win over the majority of its membership, these locals should be joined up to the corresponding revolutionary union of the T.U.U.L.

(F) The Fight Against Opportunism.

While the revolutionary unions have made some progress in developing the leadership in the new economic struggles, a great many opportunist errors may be noted which seriously hamper the growth of these unions. These errors are based in the main—on the overestimation of the strength of American capitalism (expressed, for example, by the assertion in the program adopted at Cleveland that the "age of competition is gone forever"); underestimation of the radicalization of the masses, expressed in retreat before sharp manifestations of the class struggle (Weisbord); the carrying over of reformist trade union ideology and practice into the revolutionary trade unions (especially in the needle trades); false estimation of rationalization as a process of technical improvement instead of that of life-sapping, health-destroying speedup of human labor. Besides the errors mentioned above, there were various others, such as tendencies to

make united front with Muste leaders (Boston shoe strike, panicky moods in the face of growing struggles (miners) tendencies to slip into a state of illegalism without struggles (Illinois miners) etc. Such practices and mistakes are real obstacles to the consolidation of the workers' ranks and greatly impair the influence of the new unions. All these mistakes must be analyzed and subjected to ruthless self-criticism made before the rank and file of the workers. The fight against the right danger is a basic necessity for the revolutionary unions. Only through a long persistent struggle against opportunism and right tendencies prevailing in the American revolutionary movement will the T.U.U.L. be able to fulfill its great tasks.

IX. The T.U.U.L. in the present period is confronted with a great and most responsible task. It must rise to the importance of the moment. The sharpening of the economic crisis, the growing radicalization of the workers, and the intensification of the class struggle confront it with an unprecedented rising tide of working class activity, which is passing from the defensive to the offensive struggle. To the T.U.U.L. falls the historic role of leading the great struggles that loom in the near future. If it correctly applies the decisions of the Fourth World Congress and the Sixth Session of the R.I.L.U. Central Council it can fulfill this role effectively and be the means of mobilizing and leading the great masses of workers in the struggle against capital.

X. The Sixth Session of the R.I.L.U. Central Council herewith instructs the T.U.U.L. to popularize as widely as possible the resolutions and decisions of this Session and to ensure the broadest possible participation of the working masses in the shops and factories, Negro workers, the women and youth, in the election of representative delegations to the Fifth Congress of the R.I.L.U.

XI. The Central Council of the R.I.L.U. calls upon all its adherents in the U.S.A. to conduct a determined struggle against any attempt to weaken the revolutionary unions, and to combat all those who for factional or any other reasons try to split the revolutionary unions and divert them from the central task of winning over the majority of the American working class for the overthrow of American capitalism.