

LATIN - AMERICAN CENTER OF CLASS UNIONISM FORMED

Congress of Trade Union
Confederation Opens
In Montevideo

Wide Representation
Against Pan-American
Reformist Center

The congress for the formation of a Latin American Trade Union Confederation, based upon the class struggle, opened yesterday in Montevideo, Uruguay, marking another step in the advance of the world trade union movement toward complete unity of one International of class struggle.

At the same time, class labor union centers are in the process of construction in the industrial centers of the United States. The Trade Union Educational League has sent two fraternal delegates, including a Negro worker, to the congress.

First Steps Taken.

An initial meeting of Latin American trade union representatives took place in Moscow at the tenth anniversary of the October Revolution, on a larger scale than was possible in any of the Latin American countries. There a common platform in the united struggle against Yankee imperialism and its agent in the labor movement, the Pan-American Federation of Labor, dominated by the reactionary American A. F. of L. officials and Morones, the Mexican Gompers of the CROM, was decided upon.

The common policy was further formulated and organizational steps for the formation of the new center were taken at a later conference in April, 1928, at which a Provisional Committee was formed to issue the call to the Latin American proletariat for the formation of the Latin American Trade Union Conference.

The Agenda.

The following agenda was outlined for the Montevideo congress:

1. The Report of the Provisional Committee on the work done; 2, the fight against Yankee and British imperialisms and against the interior reaction; 3, the attitude toward the Pan-American Federation of Labor; 4, the Program of Economic Demands; 5, Trade Union Unity, National and International; 6. Problems of Immigration and Emigration; 7, the Problem of the

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Latin-American Indians and Organization of the Agricultural Proletariat; 8, Creation of a Latin-American Trade Union Confederation; 9, election of officers of the Confederation.

Wide Representation.

As a result of the extensive work of the Provisional Committee the following organizations have already adhered to the committee and expressed their intention of sending delegates to Montevideo:

In Colombia: Three organizations, the "Sindicato Central Obrero," the "Sindicato Central Obrero," the "Confederacion Obrera Nacional," and the "Federacion Obrera Occidental," at the initiation of the Montevideo Committee, held a unity congress in December and formed one United National Confederation, which has elected delegates to the Montevideo congress.

In Cuba: Two organizations, the "Confederacion Nacional Obrera" and the "Sindicato Nacional de Obreros y Campesinos" (independent).

In Ecuador: There is no national trade union center. But by the work of the Montevideo committee, the existing trade unions have formed a national Joint Committee for unification and to send a delegation to Montevideo.

In Brazil: Until now there was no national trade union center. But aided by the Montevideo committee, regional congresses have been held in preparation for a national unity congress to take place at once to form a national center and elect delegates to the Montevideo congress. The federations of Rio de Janeiro, San Pablo, Pernambuco and many local unions are leading this unity movement.

In Chile: The revolutionary trade union center, Foch, "Federacion Obrera de Chile."

In Peru: Two organizations, the "Federacion Obrera Local de Lima," and "Sindicatos de Vitarte."

In Bolivia: The "Federacion Obrera de Bolivia."

Paraguay: Two organizations, the "Union Obrera de Paraguay" and the "Liga de Obreros Maritimos."

In Panama: The "Sindicato Nacional General de Trabajadores."

In Uruguay: Here the majority of trade union members are supporting the "Block de Unidad Obrera," or Labor Unity Bloc, which is striving to compel the anarchist sectarian bureaucrats who autocratically rule the "Union Sindical Uruguayo" to consent to a unity congress.

In Venezuela: The "Union Obrera Revolucionaria Venezolana."

In Guatemala: "The Federacion Regional de Trabajadores."

In El Salvador: Three organizations, the "Federacion Regional de Trabajadores," the "Union Sindical de Ahuachapan" and the "Sindicato Central de Panificadores."

In Mexico: The recently formed "Confederacion Sindical Unitaria Mexicana," organized by adherents of the Montevideo committee.

In Argentina: The "Union Sindical Argentina," whose delegates signed the call for the congress at Montevideo.

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(EDITOR'S NOTE.—Although the T. U. E. L. received a telegram from its fraternal delegate, William Simons, last week announcing that the Congress would be opened yesterday, no telegraphic dispatches have been received as yet by the Daily Worker.)