

ON TASKS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS IN WORK AT THE FACTORIES

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(Conclusion)

7. The reconstruction of the revolutionary trade union movement on a factory basis, comes up against the unpreparedness of cadres both in the factory itself as well as in the rank and file leading organs of the revolutionary trade union movement, this being one of the main obstacles. To overcome this difficulty it is necessary to introduce day to day work in the factories, drawing into it the maximum number of members and non-members of the factory group. Such work being: 1) to strengthen the leadership of the revolutionary trade union press, to reconstruct it in such a way, that it should in future devote its main attention to the practical questions of the arrangement of the work in the factories consistently and with the maximum of popularity and concretely to expose all the maneuvers of the enemies for driving out from the factories of the revolutionary elements and for the disruption of the struggle of the workers against the offensive of capital.

It is necessary that the revolutionary trade union press should immediately react by useful and most concrete advice on all fundamental questions of the preparation and leadership of the resistance to the offensive of the employers. The main attention along this line must be devoted to the factory newspapers, the network of which must be extended to a maximum; 2) regular conferences and night courses, also conferences for the rank and file militants.

At these meetings, courses and conferences, the concrete questions of the reconstruction of the revolutionary trade union movement in the given factories should be elaborated. At the same time, the necessary measures must be discussed and adopted in relation to changes in the structure and methods of work of the appropriate local, rank and file leading organs of the revolutionary trade union movement, so as to ensure their better contact with the given enterprises and in general to handle better the work in the given enterprises.

Special attention must in this, be

devoted to the liquidation of bureaucratic administrative methods of leadership (circles, etc.) and a transition to a live and as far as possible, day to day instructions; 3) the structure of the local (district) leading organs of the revolutionary trade union movement must provide for it that the best functionaries from the most important factories should enter into their composition without fail; 4) a system of the most determined self-criticism from below in connection with an all-around live instruction from above must be carried throughout the revolutionary trade union movement with the realization of responsibility for the fulfillment of the decisions of the congresses and directives of the higher leading organs.

The VIIIth Session of the Central Council of the RILU insistently stresses the whole importance of reconstructing the rank and file work with the maximum speed in all countries, without a radical change in this sphere, the sections of the RILU will be unable to muster the growing discontent of the masses and to direct this discontent in the channel of the revolutionary class struggle, without a radical change in the work in the factories, the RILU sections will all the time lag behind the events and the radicalization of the masses. The penetration into the factories and the creation in them of a durable footing, is not a technical or narrow organization question, but one of great political importance for the entire revolutionary trade union movement. To win the factories is to dislodge social-fascism from its positions, and to dislodge social-fascism from the factories signifies the preparation of the masses for the struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The Central Council, therefore, calls upon all sections of the RILU to enter upon, immediately and with the greatest energy, the reconstruction of the whole work with the object of the speediest fulfillment, in practice, of the fundamental strategic slogan of the RILU—THE WINNING OF A MAJORITY OF THE WORKING CLASS.