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up all the rottenness of the Slgman administration. Similar maneuvers of the Communists with the International Union, had the final effect of completely eradicating any dual unionism and of making the masses of the workers realize that their hope of victory lay in the fight to consolidate all the union forces together.

Another tendency that enabled the movement in its early stages to make its way was that of long standing against the Sigman administration. At first the leaders of the workers tended too much to take the advice of lawyers. The proposal to get out against the management of the union. The left wing was able to do this, and thus defeated in the whole struggle. But in this he failed signally and thus was defeated in the whole struggle. The left wing to take of going to the courts, and they won the fight by an appeal to the masses against the corrupt and reactionary Sigman and Breslaw machine.

Another problem was to prevent the Sigman and Bre-slaw machine from capturing the leadership of the unions. The struggle between the Communists and the progressive, which was the backbone of the movement, Sigman especially left no stone unturned to make the question of the Communist issue and thereby to isolate the Communists from the masses. But in this he failed signally and thus was defeated in the whole struggle. Sigman, who was his group, was weakened in the struggle, and for the consolidation of all the needle unions into one powerful industrial union. Although it has undeniably scored a victory in the great movement which reached its climax in the settlement on September 25, the left wing still has hard struggles ahead of it in its inevitable march to control the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union. The right wing, supported by the Sigman group, which has been weakened in the struggle, and for the consolidation of all the needle unions into one powerful industrial union.
out elaborate programs of work for the industry, including campaigns in support of the left wing economic demands, the organization of the unorganized, the relief of unemployed, and the formation of the National Strike shop committees, the foundation of a labor party, the establishment of the American Clothing Workers and the Capmakers. The problems of the third conference were those of actually assuming control of the needle trade unions.

The conference emphatically declared for the application of united front tactics to combine the revolutionary and reformist forces in the shops, the trade unions and the Socialist League. This was the moment when the thesaurus join in a noisy appeal to live for the moment. '"Bond and sights" as in O'Donohoe—abundant signs of a de

The first conference, therefore, dealt with the problem of joining the present scattered and demoralized organizations into a single unified movement. This conference clearly recognized that amalgamation movement has been greatly neglected in the needle trades. But the high light of the conference was the discussion of the elementary questions of policy and organization. It was here that the question of amalgamation was dealt with, but not in a manner to make it living in the left wing.

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